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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The most fearful cyclone on record is reported from the Society group of Islands, in the Pacific ocean; whole islands were swept away, and it is estimated that 10,000 lives were lost and $5,000,000 property destroyed; the velocity of the wind was 120 miles an hour and the ocean was lashed into monster waves 65 feet high; the loss of shipping must be fearful——The Panama canal investigation is to ceasq and the committee is to consider a bill for the construction of the canal—The former Secretary of War of Colombia and other prominent men have been arrested for engaging in a conspiracy to assassinate President Reyes——The tornado at Meridian, Miss., at 6:27 o'clock Friday evening resulted in the death of 19 people, including twelve whites; the property loss is $1,000,000, many large brick buildings being demolished; Governor Vardaman and members of the General Assembly went to Meridian on a special train; there is great suffering among the people and a relief movement was organized——The forestry conference was opened in Charlotte yesterday by Governor Glenn; numerous addresses were delivered, urging that Congress establish a forest reserve in the Appalachian mountains——At the Greene and Gaynor trial in Savannah yesterday it was shown that the government paid $3,491.25 for matresses which cost only $370.73——A terrific storm off the coast of Norway caught 200 fishing boats and as only 96 of them have reported, the loss of life is probably great——The coast of Madagascar has been devasted by a water spout, vessels being swamped and many lives being lost——King Edward, of Great Britain, is in Paris——New York markets: Money on call nominal, no loans, time loans steady; spot cotton steady at 11:30; flour dull and lower; wheat weak, No. 2 red, 84 1-4 elevator; corn steady, No. 2, 49 elevator; oats steady, mixed, 34 1-2 to 35; turpentine quiet, 41 1-2 to 72; rosin quiet, strained common to good, 4.10 to 4.20.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., March 3, 1906.

Meterological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M., Saturday, March 3rd.

Temperature at 8 A. M., 61 degrees; 8 P. M., 66 degrees; Maximum, 66 degrees; Minimum, 56 degrees; Mean, 61 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 1.09; rainfall since first of month to date, 1.11.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., Saturday, 7.3 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair and colder Sunday. Monday fair, fresh west winds.

PORT ALMANAC—March 4.

Sun Rises ..... 6:28 A. M.
Sun Sets ..... 5:58 P. M.
Day's Length ..... 11 hrs. 10 min.
High Water at Southport..2:12 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington..4:42 A. M.

A man may have suspicions but he can only testify to facts, according to Law. Law is the original square dealer.

The Beef Trust's getting frightened at James R. Garfield's appearance in the ring is enough to make an elephant justify its fear of a mouse.

The Cash Buyers Union, of Chicago, has failed for $1,000,000 with $100 in the cash box. This may be news to the public but it may be what the Cash Union was in business for.

Don't let's overlook the Smoot investigation. The thing has been turned over to the Senate as unfinished business and the thousands of women who want Smoot turned out of the United State Senate will wonder why Congress can't finish the Mormon Senator without any frills.

George B. Cromer, Esq., of Newberry, S. C., is poken of as a probable opponent of Senator Tillman in the coming campaign in the Palmetto State. The gentleman from Newberry is said to be "gifted and scholarly" but he hasn't said yet whether he is willing to tackle a buzz-saw campaigner in order to get into the United States Senate.

The Associated Press sent out from Washington a few days ago a "forecast" predicting the defeat of the Philippine tariff bill and the Santo Domingo treaty. The former bill was knocked out in the Senate on Friday and the verification of the "forecast" in that particular makes it look more like an advance funeral notice to President Roosevelt.

Says the Baltimore Sun: "New England opposes the rate bill because the railways haul cotton a thousand miles to her mills almost as cheap as they haul it to the factories just outside the cotton patch." Then the railroads get another whack at business by distributing the New England mill products all over the country, even bringing some of them back to the cotton patch.

Commenting upon the anti-negro riot in Springfield, O., the New York Tribune says: "The Southern States and especially the States in the 'black belt,' will naturally be tempted to point to race riots in the North as a sufficient reply to Northern criticism of Southern outrages of a similar kind." The criticism which the South makes is not a justification of mob violence but to draw the distinction between a Southern mob's visiting punishment on the guilty and not wreaking vengeance on the innocent.

"You could not sell gold dollars for 90 cents unless the people knew you had them for sale." **

LOCAL DOTS.

—A sale of unclaimed and refused freight of the Atlantic Coast Line will be held at auction by Mr. J. A. Huske, route agent, at Fayetteville, N. C., on the 3rd of April.

—Mr. Carl B. Rehder has sold to Mr. Charlie McNair, for $3,600, the residence property recently purchased by him at northeast corner of Seventh and Walnut streets.

—Standard Oil Barge No. 81 in tow of the tug Astral arrived yesterday with a supply of products for the local depot of the company in this city. The Astral will proceed south after completing discharge of cargo here.

—Ed. Smith, the young man who gave his father, Officer A. D. Smith, so much trouble at the last term of court, has skipped out again. He left a note for his father, telling him that he was gone and would not return. Mr. Smith paid a large bill of costs at the last term of the court to save his son a further disgrace and has exhausted every effort to make a man of him.

GREAT DAY FOR "BUSTER."

Toy[illegible]dian at Theatre a Wonder for Wilmington Folk.

There was a stampede of matinee patrons to the Academy of Music at the box sheet office at Plummer's just before the hour for the curtain to go up for the performance of "Buster Brown" at the theatre yesterday afternoon. Somehow it had become noised abroad that the understudy of Master Gabriel was to go on in the title role and some even hinted that "Tige" would not be altogether himself while George All took the afternoon off with the other toy comedian. Some of the ticket holders were wrathy, vowing they would see the "real Buster" or no Buster at all and demanded of Mr. Plummer to know upon penalty of "money back" whether or not the "real Buster" would be seen. Mr. Plummer was obliged to do some quick telephoning to find out whether there was foundation for the disturbing report and this he did to the infinite satisfaction of everybody. The "real Buster' was seen at the matinee and the theatre was packed.

After the matinee hundreds of ladies and children tarried around the stage entrance to get a glimpse of "Buster' in real life. Presently the toy comedian came out and it was amusing to see how the little folks swarmed about him and followed him down the sidewalk to his hotel, all of which was no doubt very annoying to American's best comedian of the diminutive sort. Master Gabriel's appearance here was a great success. Another large audience witnessed the production last night and were immensely pleased. To-day the company goes to Charlotte for a return engagement there to-morrow night.

CHANGE AT THE DIXIE.

Mr. E. P. Dudley's Purchase Brings New Firm Management.

Official notice is given elsewhere of the purchase by Mr. E. P. Dudley of a half-interest in the Dixie Cafe from Mr. John W. Batson. The deal goes into effect at once. Mr. Dudley resigned as yard manager at the Hilton Lumber Co., and as soon as his successor is named there, he will devote all his time to the restaurant business. Dudley & Hergenrother will be a popular firm and the Dixie will prove an attractive resort under their capable management. A large amount of repair work and other improvements to the cafe will begin soon and the place will be made second to none in the State. The new firm is composed of young men of popularity and ability and they will do well from the start.

Basket Ball Last Night.

The two games of basket ball, the second in the new series at the Y. M. C. A., were well attended last night and much interest was shown. Woollcott won from Hunter in a score of 15 to 5, and Newkirk won from King in a score of 10 to 4. The team of Hunter was strengthened by the addition of Graham, of Washington, D. C., for centre. He played a good game and promises the best of work as soon as he is fully acquainted with the local court. In the new series, Woollcott and King have each won and lost a game; Newkirk has won both of the two played and Hunter has lost two. Interest in the sport is on the increase.

LaGrecque Demonstration.

Madame Dearth, the expert corset demonstrator, has just completed the demonstration of the famous LeGreeque corsets at the store of Messrs. Platt & Haar and the ladies of the city are thanked by the firm for their generous patronage. The orders will be delivered as fast as they can be filled. Madame Dearth rarely visits a city of less than 60,000 inhabitants, but the exception was made in favor of Wilmington because of its growing importance as a city and it was a pleasure to Messrs. Platt & Haar to receive the statement from Madame Dearth that the business here was the largest of any city in the South.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Stone & Co.—Rice.
M. O'Brien—Bids Wanted.
C. R., L. & P. Co.—Lumina.
Platt & Haar—Card of Thanks.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Coming Soon.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Spring Goods.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Art Display.
Stieff—Pianos on Easy Payments.
Solomon's Shoe Store—Our Shoes.
J. T. Smith, W. P. Duncan—Dissolution.
Dudley & Hergenrother—Partnership.
F. E. Hashagen Co. — "B. M. C." Cigars.
Warren's Steam Bakery—Washington Bread.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Board of Couple.
Board—212 Walnut street.
Manager—Assistant Wanted.
W. J. Kirkham & Co.—Seeds.
Bookkeeper—Position Wanted.
W. A. Moore—Norton Yam Slips.
Wright Supply Co.—Agents Wanted.
Geo. G. Clows—Lady or Gentleman.
Davis & Davis—Lot for Sale or Lease.
Central Tobacco Co. — Salesmen Wanted.
Los Angeles Cider Co.—Salesman Wanted.

There is only one way in which you may know that there is no want ad. in to-day's paper which vitally interests you—and that is to read them and see.

HIS A TRAGIC DEATH

Capt. Thomas Taylor, Well Known Steamboat Man Dies From Laudnum Overdose

MAY HAVE BEEN SUICIDE

Found In Stupor Early in the Night, Life Was Extinct at 1 O'Clock This Morning—Had Been Drinking and Was Depressed.

Taken either with suicidal intent or by mistake in an habitual use of the drug to which he had been somewhat addicted for a short time at least, Capt. Thomas Taylor, a well known steamboat master of this city, died at 1 o'clock this morning as the result of an overdose of laudanum swallowed early in the night at his home, No. 211 North Sixth street. The news will come as a great shock to many friends of Capt. Taylor, for he was well known and generally liked by all in the circle of his acquaintance. His tragic death is greatly deplored.

Until a short time ago, Capt. Taylor was mate or master of the steamer Wilmington. Lately he had been drinking rather heavily and had no employment. About 7 o'clock last night he came home, but went out again and returned half an hour later. He asked Mrs. Taylor if his little ten-year-old son, Michael, had come in yet. He had left about noon and because he had not returned. Capt. Taylor seemed rather distressed. He went into a room and lay down on a bed. A short time after that Mrs. Taylor went in the room and asked him if he didn't want some supper. He only grunted a reply. A little later, between 8 and 9 o'clock, Mrs. Taylor went in to arouse him and found him in a stupor. She hurriedly sent for her sister, Mrs. C. E. Gordon, and when Mrs. Gordon came, it was seen that Capt. Taylor's condition was serious. Drs. Cranmer and Russell were summoned and they arrived at 10:30 o'clock, working faithfully with him until the end came. The drug had already gotten a hold upon his constitution when they arrived and it was impossible to save the man with emetics and all other means known to medical science.

Under the head of the bed upon which Capt. Taylor lay a two-ounce bottle that had been filled with laudanum was found. It is presumed that he drank the entire contents of the bottle.

Capt. Taylor had been accustomed to taking laudanum at times as a drug but had always purchased it in one ounce bottles and used it a little at a time, usually when he was drinking. Whether he took too large an amount from the larger phial by mistake or whether the larger quantity was purchased and drank with suicidal intent will, perhaps, never be known.

Capt. Taylor was a native of Southport and would have been 40 years of age next May. He had lived in this city much of his life and followed steamboating as a vocation, having been at different times employed on nearly every steam craft in the harbor. For several Summer seasons he ran first in one capacity and then in another on the excursion steamer Wilmington and was very popular. He was married 16 years ago to Miss Delia Griffin, a daughter of Capt. Mike Griffin, and she with three boys and three girls survive him, the eldest being 15 years of age and the youngest five months old. They have the sincerest sympathy of many friends in the sad bereavement that has overtaken them.

For the few days prior to his tragic end, Capt. Taylor had been much exercised over a libel he had placed for salvage on the Schooner Nellie Floyd, while he was running as mate or captain of the steamer Wilmington. The circumstances of the litigation are well known. In a fit of melancholia, following heavy drinking for several days, Capt. Taylor may have taken the drug for the purpose of self destruction or it may have been as stated, that the overdose was by mistake.

The funeral arrangements will be made later.

NEGRO FISHERMAN DROWNED.

Small Boat Struck by Steamer Wilmington Opposite Fort Fisher

Confused as to which course to take upon the approach of the larger craft, two colored fishermen in a row boat were run down by the steamer Wilmington early Friday night, nearly opposite Fort Fisher, down the river. William Brown, one of the colored men, between 55 and 60 years of age, leaped from the smaller boat just before the crash came and he was drowned. Francis Gore, the other fisherman, about 25 years of age, remained in the boat and was rescued by the crew of the Wilmington. Life preservers and lines were thrown to the older man but the effort to save him was not successful. His body had not been recovered up to last accounts.

The Wilmington was bound to Southport, Capt. Harper at the helm. The colored men were engaged with some nets in the river at that point and when their boat was first seen, it was lying close to the buoy. As the steamer approached, the fishermen began pulling across the channel. Capt. Harper, knowing the custom of the fishermen, changed his course to pass the small boat on the starboard. For some reason the men in the boat began pulling ahead and warning was shouted to them. The fishermen then became confused and the crash followed, the steamer having been reversed by that time. One side of the small boat was stove in but Gore clung to it and was saved. Brown and Gore are well known Cape Fear fishermen and live at Reave's Point, in Brunswick county.

Art Exhibition at Yates.'

Mr. David Bendann, of Baltimore and New York, who is pleasantly remembered from last year, will have another exhibition of fine etchings, engravings, Old English colored prints and water colors, from March 8th to 17th, at the store of Messrs. C. W. Yates & Co., No. 117 Market street. The exhibition will be in charge of Mr. W. E. Jones and the public is cordially invited to visit the store and see the display. The works of 20 leading artists will be represented with some of the original etchings of a dozen others; also a collection of superb miniatures and English water colors.

Warranty deeds for sale at the Star Office.

BALTIMORE STEAMER LINE

Old Power House of Consolidated Company Available as Terminal Here—Arrangements.

Mr. Mason L. Weems Williams, general manager of the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, spent yesterday in the city, having arrived from Georgetown, S. C., on the late train Friday night and returned to Baltimore last evening.

The primary object of Mr. Williams' visit yesterday was to secure terminals for the line of steamers here and he spent the day in conference with a number of owners of eligible wharf property, being shown around by Mr. James Kyle, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The most available wharf is that of the old power station of the C. R., L. & P. Co., at foot of Orange street. Mr. Williams and Mr. Kyle called on Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the C. R., L. & P. Co., who said that he would be glad to do anything possible to further the new enterprise. Mr. Williams and Mr. Kyle were referred to General Manager A. B. Skelding, of the Consolidated Company, who also assured the gentlemen of his hearty co-operation in the movement for the new transportation line. The area of the wharf, depth of water alongside and the probable storage facilities in the old power station were all gone into and the result of the conference was very satisfactory in every respect. Some dredging will be necessary, but it is thought there will be no trouble about that.

General Manager Skelding said that in the next two or three days he would submit a written proposition to Mr. Williams to get the matter in shape and that a formal acceptance of the nominal terms, offered for the sake of securing the new line, could be forwarded at Mr. Williams convenience. It is thought there will be no difficulty in the arrangement for a wharf for the new steamer at the old power station.

While here Mr. Williams also considered the matter of the appointment of a local soliciting and receiving agent. Arrangements for an agent will doubtless be made in a very short time.

Mr. Williams says the steamer Frostburg or the George Weems, both of which are owned by the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, will be here with another cargo some time this week. The cargo will consist largely of fertilizers again and no headway will be made as to receiving a general cargo until storage sheds and the like and the appointment of an agent are arranged for.

HERBERT BLAKE BOUND OVER

Young White Man Goes to Jail to Await Trial in Superior Court Under Five Counts of Larceny.

Herbert Blake was bound to Superior Court in five counts of larceny under bonds aggregating $250 in the magistrate courts of the city yesterday. In default of the bonds, which were $50 in each case, the young man went to jail to await trial at the April term. Hartsfield Crandall, another young white man charged with implication in the thefts of young Blake, was found not guilty and discharged.

The story of Blake's misdeeds have already been told at length with the sensational incidents leading up to his arrest. At the preliminary trials yesterday, he was represented by Walter P. Gafford, Esq., and the burden of the defence was to lay the charges at the door of Crandall, who was represented by Brooke G. Empie, Esq., and against whom nothing could be proved. The first case was befofe Justice Bornemann and was one in which Blake was charged with stealing an overcoat from M. Jackson. The prisoner said he only borrowed the garment but that was not a "go" and court ordered his reincarceration in default of $50 bond.

The four other counts were before Justice Furlong and consisted of the larceny of a gun from the store of R. H. Beery & Blake, a rifle and a hunting shirt from Capt. Edgar Hinton, a gun from Mr. T. S. McManus and a pair of boots from Mr. L. H. Skinner. The latter articles were stolen from a boat house of Mr. Skinner, near the marine railway. The property has all been returned to the owners with the exception of the gun taken from Beery & Blake's. It was sold to a crockery dealer on Dock street, who has since left the city. One of the other guns was disposed of to John Holland, a colored butcher in East Wilmington, and the other was dropped by Blake as he swam the creek to elude Constable Savage on Thursday afternoon.

Blake's wife was in court and manifested much interest in the trial of her husband. It was she who arranged for the employment of an attorney for the young man.

The Ladies Invited.

Ladies as well as men will be cordially welcomed at the meeting at the Boys' Brigade armory this afternoon. Rev. Alpheus McCullen, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. church, will deliver the address and an excellent programme of music has been prepared by the choir of the First Presbyterian church. The singers will be Miss Mattie Lee Horne, soprano; Mrs. J. D. Smith, contralto; Mr. R. F. Fowler, tenor, and Mr. H. K. Holden, bass. Miss Anna Sprunt will preside at the piano.

Handling Fertilizers.

The Star had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Mr. Wm. S. Rhodes, manager of the fertilizer departments of the D. B. Martin & Co., extensive manufacturers of fertilizers and other products. The company has large warehouses here and through Mr. W. B. Cooper is handling a large amount of fertilizers in this territory. In addition to manufactured fertilizers, Mr. Cooper also imports a large amount of nitrate of soda, muriate of potash, etc.

Another Yard Accident.

Three cars of a log train that was pulling out of the yards of the Atlantic Coast Line broke loose yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, ran back and smashed into other cars just under the bridge at the passenger station. Two of three of the log trucks were broken up. No one was hurt and the damage was of no consequence.

A young man who knows how to feed Job Presses, and who holds a reserved seat on the Water Wagon is wanted at the Star office. mch 2-3t*

STATE'S RESOURCES

Seventh Annual Report of State Railroad Commission Was Submitted Yesterday

ITS INTERESTING STATISTICS

Showing of the Banks, Telephone Conditions, Income and Other Taxes for the Current Year—Passengers and Employes of Rwys.

Raleigh, N. C., March 3.—The annual report of the North Carolina Corporation Commission was completed and sent to the executive office today. It is for 1905 and is the seventh the Commission has made. It treats in detail their supervision of railroads and quasi public corporations, banks and their work as a State tax commission.

In their report on railroads the Commission declares that North Carolina is one of the exceptions in the requirment of railroads to furnish first and second class fares, and that this coupled with the requirement that the roads shall provide separate accommodations for white and colored passengers necessitates too many cars, making an unweildy and much more expensive train. They urge that if the roads were required to furnish one fare they could give better service at less cost and that the passenger fare should be reduced.

The report shows that during the past year 5,589,500 passengers were carried by the various roads in the State. Of these the Atlantic Coast Line carried 1,315,724; the Seaboard Air Line, 650,089; the Southern, 2,938,700; miscellaneous roads, 684,987. The passenger earnings were: A. C. L., $1,432,794; S. A. L., $879,667; Southern, $3,072,442.

The report shows that there are in the State 3,859.09 miles of road—an increase of 59 miles over last year. The total valuation, $69,573,334. Atlantic Coast Line, 947.83 miles, $24,454,014; Seaboard Air Line, 612.12 miles, $12,500,000; Southern, 1,279.56 miles, $26,310,589; miscellaneous roads, 1,005.58 miles, $6,308,731. The gross in the State 3,859.09 miles of road—an earnings of all roads were $22,441,705 and the net earnings, not including taxes and interest, $8,470,483—a gain of $931,472 over the year previous. The total capital stock is $64,368,405 and the total indebtedness $68,111,253. The miscellaneous roads other than A. C. L., Southern and S. A. L., shows $9,407,690 capital and $9,823,016 debt. The railroads pay to the State, $641,766 taxes.

The railroads have 15,877 employes, their wages aggregating $6,758,167. The average daily wages paid are: Atlantic Coast Line — Enginemen, $4.37; conductors, $2.90; mechanics, $2.80. Seaboard Air Line—Enginemen, $4; conductors $3; mechanics, $2.09. Southern—Enginemen, $4.92; conductors, $4.01; mechanics, $3.13.

During the year there were 114 persons killed and 787 injured in accidents—Atlantic Coast Line, 20 killed, 95 injured; Seaboard Air Line, 18 killed, 165 injured; Southern, 61 killed, 476 injured; miscellaneous roads, 15 killed, 51 injured. These figures include passengers, employes and trespassers. There were really 35 employes killed and 492 injured; 5 passengers killed and 143 injured and 74 other persons killed and 152 injured.

During the year 387 complaints were filed with the Commission against railroads covering a great variety of grievances, most of which have been disposed of. Some were for failure to keep passenger schedules, bulletin arrival of trains, furnish cars for shipment of freight and delivery after arrival at destination.

Showing of the Banks.

The Commission says the industrial development of the State is reflected in the increase in the number of resources of the banks. There are 236 State, private and savings banks—a gain of 44 over the previous year. The resources are $41,095,539, an increase of $9,491,356 during the year. The loans and discounts for the year were $25,278,000, a gain of $4,518,696. There are fifty National banks in the State with $3,975,000 capital. Five of these were organized during the year with a combined capital of $475,000. The resources of the National banks increased over five million of dollars during the year.

The report reviews the action of the Commission in closing the Bank of Benson and the Bank of Fayetteville during the year for shortages and irregularities and declares that in view of the large amount of funds entrusted to the banks and the small capital of a number of them, the Commission feels a great responsibility resting upon them and by careful examination and criticisms of conditions found, believe much has been done to promote good banking in the State.

Telephone Systems and Conditions.

The Commission declares that the constant tendency of the largest telephone companies to absorb the smaller ones makes it important that the power to regulate the rate and supervise the service should be made full and clear. That the State statute now is very meagre. They recommend that the attention of the Legislature be called to this matter.

The Income Taxes.

The report as Tax Commission shows the total assessed valuation of property in the State to be $75,373,323. Two thousand eight hundred and twenty-five persons reported incomes over $1,000 for taxation, the amount being $2,798,895 as compared with $2,454,504 for 1904.

The counties returning the greatest amount of incomes for taxation were Wake, $304,982; New Hanover, $258,864; Mecklenburg, $223,245; Guilford, $200,853; Durham, $187,192; Forsythe, $181,635; Buncombe, $176,944. All the other counties were less than $100,000. No incomes were reported from Alexander, Ashe, Camden, Clay, Currituck, Dare, Graham, Haywood, Mitchell, Polk, Watauga and Yancey.

CATHERINE KENNEDY HOME.

The contributions to the Catherine Kennedy Home for the month of February were as follows: Mr. Shrier, magazines and papers; Mr. B. F. Keith, a pig; Mrs. A. M. Hall, cake; Mrs. Cantwell, two dozen eggs; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, eggs and milk; Mrs. Frank Andrews, one dozen eggs; Mrs. Roger Moore, C. R., L. and P. Co., gas; Consumers Ice Co., ice daily; Mr. R. R. Bellamy, drugs; Mr. J. Hicks Bunting, drugs. The monthly meeting will be held at the Home on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. R. G. Sloan, of Charlotte, is a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. Jno. H. Land, of Chadbourn, was here yesterday.

—Mr. L. J. Taylor, of Newbern, was among yesterday's arrivals.

—Mr. W. S. MacRae, of Fayetteville, was among yesterday's arrivals.

—Mr. M. C. Brunson, of Charleston, S. C., was registered at The Orton yesterday.

—H. A. Grady, Esq., of Sampson, was among the visiting attorneys here the past week.

—Mr. Frank Wilson, a popular travelling man from Richmond, Va., is in the city, a guest at The Orton.

—Among yesterday's arrivals were W. H. Phillips, of Vineland, and M. Q. Register, of Emerson, Bladen county.

—Mr. B. T. Morgan, of the Passenger Department of the Atlantic Coast Line, went to Savannah last night to spend Sunday with his parents.

—Mr. Joseph W. Yates and bride returned last evening from their brida' tour. They will be at home at the residence of Mr. C. W. Yates, on North Fourth street.

—Solicitor C. C. Lyon passed through the city yesterday morning returning from Whiteville where he has been attending Columbus County Superior Court.

—Misses Donnelly and King have returned from New York where they went to purchase the stock for a new and up-to-date millinery store, which they will open at once at southeast corner of Front and Grace streets.

PERJURY CHARGE DISMISSED.

Auditor McCaig Completely Exonerated of Charge in Georgia.

(Atlanta Constitution.)

W. D. McCaig, chief travelling auditor of the Atlantic Coast Line, who swore to the petition in the Strohbar case, was discharged yesterday by Justice Walter Ormond on the ground that there was no evidence to bind Mr. McCaig. The details in this case have been thrashed out at great length before Justice Ormond for the last two or three days, and the case has been of widespread interest.

It will be remembered that when Strohbar was brought to Atlanta it was alleged that his wife, Daisy Strohbar, deposited $5,000 in the Neal bank, and later one of the bank officials went on the bond of Strohbar for this amount. Then it was that Traveling Auditor McCaig insisted that this $5,000 was part of the money which was claimed to have been stolen by Strohbar from the Atlantic Coast Line, when he was acting as an agent for that railroad in Gainesville, Fla. For this reason an injunction was brought, and when the case was brought before Judge Pendleton he declared that the money should remain in the bank, even if it was part of the stolen money as alleged, until the case was finally settled.

Later Mrs. Daisy Strohbar swore out a warrant before Justice Ormond, accusing Auditor McCaig of having perjured himself when he swore that the money in the bank was part of the money alleged to have been stolen from the Atlantic Coast Line. After hearing the case at much length, Justice Ormond yesterday dismissed Mr. McCaig. Jackson & Orme and R. C. Alston appeared for Mr. McCaig as attorneys for the Atlantic Coast Line in the case, which is now before the courts. This decision, of course, dismisses the case in which the veracity of one of the best, most efficient and popular railroad men in the south was questioned by the wife of a man charged by a forgery.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Transactions Which Appear From Deeds Filed Yesterday.

George F. Bowen, Sr., and wife to George F. Bowen, Jr., for $2, property containing 52.2 acres of land in Masonboro township, adjoining lands of E. H. Davis, G. F. Bowen, Sr., and others.

George F. Bowen and wife to George F. Bowen, Jr., and others, for $2, property containing 28.7 acres of land in Masonboro township, adjoining lands of Seamen's Friend Society, E. H. Davis and others.

Geo. F. Bowen and wife to Graham Kenan, for $10 and other considerations, property containing 52.2 acres of land in Masonboro township.

John A. Cooker and wife to Wade Sikes, for $900, property on north side of Meares street, 155 feet east of Front street, 35x105 feet in size.

To Music Lovers of Wilmington.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all lovers of music, to attend a demonstration of the simplicity of this so-called difficult science. Prof. H. Wormersley, of England, a graduate of the Springfield, Mass., Convervatory of Music, will meet all who can and all who wish to sing correctly, at the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow, Monday night, at 8 o'clock, and demonstrate that anyone who can speak and hear, can learn to sing and that anyone with ordinary intelligence can learn to read music.

Rent Wharves and Docks.

Elsewhere in to-day's paper, Chairman O'Brien, of Streets and Wharves Committee, advertises that by order of the Board of Aldermen, bids will be received for the rent of the city wharf opposite Front Street market; also for the docks on the river front, except those at the foot of Princess, Market and Dock streets, lessees to keep property in good repair. Bids will be received until March 15th.

Infant Son Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Reynolds have the sympathy of friends in the death of their infant son, Eddie C., aged one year, eight months and 25 days, which occurred of pneumonia at the family residence, No. 12 Wooster street, Friday night. The remains will be taken by private conveyance to Town Creek, Brunswick county, for interment to-day.

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Sufficient to meet every demand of the buying public.

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OUR MR. POLVOGT—
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We wish to thank the ladies of Wilmington for their generous orders for the LaGrecque Corset and Underwear. The corsets will be delivered as fast as the orders can be filled. We will carry a full line of LaGrecque Goods in stock and will stand by our assertion that we have the best corset made in America.

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DISSOLUTION.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of Smith & Duncan is hereby dissolved by mutual consent, the interest of W. P. Duncan having been purchased by J. T. Smith, who assumes all liabilities of the firm and to whom all debts due the firm are payable. J. T. SMITH,
mch 4-1t. W. P. DUNCAN.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

This is to notify my friends and the public in general that I have this day sold my interest in the Dixie Cafe to Mr. E. P. Dudley. All persons indebted to the firm will pay Dudley & Hergenrother, who assume the liabilities of the business.

J. W. BATSON.
Wilmington, N. C., March 3rd, 1906.

Having this day purchased the one-half interest of Mr. John W. Batson in the Dixie Cafe, this is to inform my friends and the public that I will be associated in the business in the future under the firm name of Dudley & Hergenrother. We solicit your patronage and a continuance of the good will heretofore accorded the firm of Batson & Hergenrother.

E. P. DUDLEY.
March 3rd, 1906.
mch 4-1t.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON. N. C.

Sunday Morning, March 4.

ANOTHER GREAT CANAL PROJECT.

The Star's dispatches the past week informed us of the passage of a bill by the House of Representatives incorporating "The Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal Company." Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, was author of the bill and succeeded in getting it through the House by a vote of 196 in its favor to 81 against it. The bill has yet to pass the Senate and there is some intimation that it will meet greater opposition there than it had in the House.

The effort to incorporate this big canal company is another instance going to show that we are living in the day of great projects. The bill to charter "The Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal Company" gives it all necessary powers for the construction, maintenance and operation of a canal from "some point on the Onio River between Beaver, Pa., and Pittsburg, Pa.; thence by way of the Ohio, Beaver and Mahoning rivers in the State of Pennsylvania, and the Mahoning River in the State of Ohio, to a point at or near Niles, Ohio; thence northwardly through the State of Ohio to the most accessible harbor on Lake Erie, between the Pennsylvania and Ohio State line and the mouth of the Grand River in the State of Ohio," etc. The scheme, in short, is one for a ship canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio River to be constructed, maintained and operated by a private corporation receiving a special charter from the Congress of the United States.

The principal advocates of the bill in the House, besides Mr. Dalzell, was Mr. Davidson, of Wisconsin, chairman of the Committee on Railways and Canals. According to his explanation the waterway would be about 100 miles long from Ashtabula on Lake Erie to a point on the Ohio River twenty-five miles below Pittsburg, of which sixty miles would be in the channels of the Beaver and Mahoning rivers, and forty miles cross country canal. The summit level would be thirty-one miles long and 327 feet above Lake Erie and 321 above the Ohio River. There would be a series of 33 locks of 20 feet lift, 340 feet long, 45 fet wide and 12 feet over the mitre sills. The cost is estimated at $40,000,000, but the company is authorized by the bill to have a capital stock not exceeding $300,000 a mile of canal proposed to be constructed, and to issue bonds to an equal amount. That would be a maximum of $30,000,000 of stock and $30,000,000 bonds, but it is provided that the amount of debt created by the issue of bonds "shall in no case exceed the amount of stock subscribed for and fully paid in in cash and bona fide expended in the promotion, maintenance and costruction of said canal and works."

In the brief debate on this measure in the House its advocates laid much stress upon the importance of the proposed waterway in bringing together the ore resources of the lake region and the coal of Pennsylvania, and in affording continuous communication by water from New York to New Orleans. Its opponents, of whom Mr. Williams of Mississippi appeared to be the leader, were disposed to admit its importance and value, but contended that the work should be done by the government and not by a private corporation, which would be liable to fall into the control of the great railroad companies.

This canal project is an old one but the effort ot get the charter at this time indicates that the promoters mean business—either to get the charter and sell it out to threatened railroad interests or actually to construct the canal. It is astonishing, however, to learn that by constructing a canal 100 miles long and only 40 miles of it actually by land, steamers can sail from New York by way of the great Lakes to New Orleans and vice versa.

THE SOUTH AND THE PRESIDENCY.

The New York Times remarks that there is chance for a really pretty quarrel in some genial remarks that have been elicited from The Boston Herald by the suggestion of The Richmond Journal that Southern politicians meet for the purpose of picking out a Southern man for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, on the ground that "it is time that the leadership should be where the power lies, and all know that it is in the South."

The Boston Herald butted in with this comment on the Journal's suggestion

"There is no truly Democratic party in the South, but only a race oligarchy, whose fundamental and dominant idea is the inequality of citizens in political rights and the necessity of government by a minority. Every other doctrine and policy is held subordinate to this, and it is unlikely that any Southern Democrat will be elected President until the party broadens its foundations and gets into alignment with doctrines of the American Constitution and the ideals of a progressive humanity. This is a great Nation and it is unlikely to be swung from its large purposes by a sectional mob holding political power by force without right."

The New York Times joins in the discussion and remarks:

"This, being suavity of the true Boston brand, is beautifully calculated to fire the Southern heart with rage and to start the fountain of Southern eloquence which we all so much enjoy. Even from only as far away as New York one can see that there is something wrong about the Bostonian facts however, it may be about the Bostonian argument from them. The statistics at our command, for instance, do not indicate that the race which the South has 'held subordinate' has the right to rule which is given in a pure democracy by superiority of numbers. And again, when one runs over the names of Southern office-holders one is struck by the fact that most of them indicate, not the monopolization of power by the 'old families' of that section, but a seizing of it by the members of families which, if not exactly 'new,' have not been made familiar by the chronicles from which we learned our political history. This somehow does not fit in with talk about an 'oligarchy.' But it is not our purpose to teach the Southern editors how to answer their Boston adviser. They are a charmingly articulate class and need no help in such a task.'

The trouble with the South's Democracy is that it hasn't been following its brand of late. It has been deferring to those from the Northern and Western States and we mustn't be judged by the kind of Democracy which we have had to swallow some times. There is a good deal of the old fashion brand still left in the South and it is going to reassert itself.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Theodore R. Tillman's Railway Rate bill is before the Senate.—Baltimore Sun.

—It is thought that Congress, however, will tell Mr. J. Warren Keifer that the Southern plan of disfranchising the negro is an improvement upon the Ohio plan of assassinating him.—Atlanta Journal.

—When the Republican party needed a couple of Senators it split Dakota into two States and admitted both. Now it wants to choke off the Democrats and hammer Arizona and New Mexico into one State.—Baltimore Sun.

—The North Carolina Repubican who gets an appointment at the hands of the President and confirmation by the Senate without having it charged by his party associates that he is unfit for the place is indeed a lucky citizen.—Charlotte Observer.

—President Roosevelt cares not what form of Rate bill is passed provided it retains the "essence" of the Hepburn measure. Like the old lady who was not particular what color the barn was painted, just so it was a bright red.—Kansas City Journal.

—The recommendation of the government engineers for a twenty-four foot channel from Wilmington to the ocean is an eminently sound one and inspires hope for the increasing commerce of North Carolina's principal seaport. Given a twenty-four foot channel there would be great possibilities for Wilmington in the way of increasing its export business.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—Thousands will commend the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, the purpose of which is to limit private fortunes to $10,000,000. They will say that they will gladly be content with that limit of wealth. But by the same token, given a fortune of larger figures and they would protest vigorously against the constitutional limit as a system of outrageous confiscation.—Wilmington Every Evening.

—In another particular the United States leads the world. There are 245 brigadier generals on the retired list of our regular army. Sixty-two of them were created between Jan. 1, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1905. In each case the new brigadier served one day in the active service and then was retired. Including all the major generals and lieutenant generals, America is defended to-day by 269 living generals on the retired list. It is a shame that any one should be retired as a major or even a colonel.—Springfield Republican.

—Commenting upon the fact that Salem is considering the proposition of voting on a $125,000 bond issue for buying the water works and extending the water and sewer lines, The Industrial News remarks: "But the most striking phase of the situation is that at present Salem owes but $50,000. Other cities could well afford to send delegates to see how the thing has been done." It is news to us that the town has any municipal debt, at all, but if it has got that far along in the ways of the world, it might just as well adopt the style of bond voting. Salem has always seemed to us like one of the old style daguerrotypes in its velvet lined, embellished, hard rubber setting.—Charlotte Chronicle.

TWINKLINGS.

—"May I read you my last poem?" "You may, if it really is."—Cleveland Leader.

—Citiman—Do they keep a servant girl? Subbubs—Oh! certainly not. But as soon as one leaves they engage another.—Philadelphia Press.

—Johnny—Come in, sister's expectin' you. Mr. Stoplate—How do you know she is? Johnny—She's been sleepin' all the afternoon.—Cleveland Leader.

—"That man was a waiter for ten years, and now he's worth a million" "All for waiting ten years?" "Yes, his rich uncle died then."—Philadelphia eLdger.

—George—Rather than remain single, would you marry the biggest fool on earth if he asked you? Clara—Oh, George, this is so sudden!—Chicago Daily News.

Treating Wrong Disease.

Many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous exhaustion or prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they all present alike to themselves and their easy-going and indifferent, or over-busy doctor, separate and distinct diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality, they are all only *symptoms* caused by some uterine disease. The physician, ignorant of the *cause* of suffering, encourages this practice until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, but probably worse, by reason of the delay, wrong treatment and consequent complications. A proper medicine like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, *directed to the cause* would have entirely removed the disease, thereby dispelling all those distressing symptoms, and instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery. It has been well said, that "a disease known is half cured."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a scientific medicine, carefully devised by an experienced and skillful physician, and adapted to woman's delicate system. It is made of native medicinal roots and is perfectly harmless in its effects *in any condition of the system.*

As a powerful invigorating tonic "Favorite Prescription" imparts strength to the whole system and to the organs distinctly feminine in particular. For overworked, "worn-out," "run-down," debilitated teachers, milliners, dressmakers, seamstresses, "shop girls," house-keepers, nursing mothers, and feeble women generally, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the greatest earthly boon, being unequaled as an appetizing cordial and restorative tonic.

As a soothing and strengthening nervine "Favorite Prescription" is unequaled and is invaluable in allaying and subduing nervous excitability, irritability, nervous exhaustion, nervous prostration, neuralgia, hysteria, spasms, chorea, St. Vitus's dance, and other distressing, nervous symptoms commonly attendant upon functional and organic disease of the uterus. It induces refreshing sleep and relieves mental anxiety and despondency.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets invigorate the stomach, liver and bowels. One to three a dose. Easy to take as candy.

TIRED FEELING?

Read This "I have found Wine of Cardui such a benefit to me," writes Mrs. Leota Forte of Toledo, Ill., "that I shall continue to use it. I cannot praise your medicine enough."

A tired or languid feeling is a sign of weak vitality, and this, in women, is nearly always due to the debilitating influence of female trouble. When your menstrual functions are out of order, they call upon the nerves for help, and your nerves answer the call by throwing into the weak parts all the blood force and vitality they can possibly get together. Of course this weakens the rest of your body. Of course you feel tired and languid. Of course you need outside help to keep up your strength and help to make you well. This necessary help you can get by taking Cardui, the pure, old, reliable, scientific remedy for sick women. For tiredness, weakness, irregular menstruation, monthly pains, dragging sensations, debilitating discharge, and all female complaints, a sure cure is

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, March 3, 1906.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market, nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.80 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $3.25 barrel for hard; $5.00 for dip and $5.00 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin firm, $2.50 bid; tar, firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.30, $3.70.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	32
Rosin	686
Tar	309
Crude	9

Receipts same day last year—45 casks spirits turpentine, 87 barrels rosin, 102 barrels tar, 31 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market—Steady at 10 1-2 cents.

Same day last year—Firm, 7 1-4c.

Receipts, 147 bales; same day last year, 153 bales.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina, Prime, 60c.; extra prime, 70c.; fancy, 75@80c.; per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 40c.; extra prime, 45c.; fancy, 50c.; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm: 62 1-2@65c. per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady, hams, 15 to 16c. per pound; shoulders, 11 to 12; sides dull, 11 to 12.

EGGS—Dull, 15 to 16.

CHICKENS—Dull, Springs, 15c. to 25c.; Grown, 30 to 35.

BEESWAX—Firm, at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50c@55c. per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c. pound.

TURKEYS—Firm, 15c for live; dressed, 18 to 20c.

HIDES—Dry salted, 12c.; green, 8c. per pound.

PORK—Dull, 6 to 7; hams, 8 to 10.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

New York, March 3.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 7 to 13 points in response to higher Liverpool cables, the big spot sales at an advance of 14 points in the English market, and bullish estimated week figures. There was active covering at the advance but realizing was also very heavy and the market sagged off after the call with prices in the middle of the morning about 10 points higher on the active months. The tone was steady.

Receipts of cotton at the ports today 13,072 bales against 15,509 last week and 20,477 last year. For the week estimated 90,000 bales against 104,061 last week and 169,664 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 5,066 bales against 4,467 last year and at Houston 2,248 bales against 6,813 last year.

Spot cotton closed steady, middling uplands, 11.30; middling gulf, 11.55; sales none. Futures opened firm and closed steady. Quotations ranged as follows:

March, 10.57; April, 10.63; May, 10.75; July, 10.93; August, 10.88; October, 10.38; December, 10.40.

Closing—March, 10.59; April, 10.67; May, 10.80; June, 10.88; July, 10.93; August, 10.87; September, 10.46; October, 10.36; November, 10.37; December, 10.38.

Port Movement.

Galveston—Firm, 10 3-4c.; net receipts, 4,326 bales.

New Orleans—Firm, 10 3-4c.; net receipts, 5,066 bales.

Mobile—Firm, 10 5-8c.; net receipts, 139 bales.

Savannah—Steady, 10 1-2c.; net receipt, 1,847 bales.

Charleston—Firm, 10 1-2c.; net receipts, 210 bales.

Wilmington—Steady, 10 3-8c.; net receipts, 147 bales.

Norfolk—Firm, 10 7-8c.; net receipts, 990 bales.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11c.

New York—Steady, 11.30.

Boston—Steady, 11.30; net receipts, 223 bales.

Philadelphia—Firm, 11.55; net receipts, 74 bales.

Jacksonville—Net receipts, 50 bales.

Total to-day, at all ports—Net, 13,072 bales. Exports: Great Britain, 5,303 bales; Continent, 4,132 bales; Mexico, 8 bales; Stock, 811,504 bales.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 13,072 bales. Exports: Great Britain, 5,303 bales; Continent, 4,132 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all ports—Net, 6,267,728 bales. Exports: Great Britian, 2,169,139 bales; France, 581,152 bales; Continent, 1,785,090 bales; Japan, 65,920 bales; Mexico, 2,414 bales.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 10 11-16c.; net receipts, 2,248 bales.

Augusta—Steady, 11c.; net receipts, 438 bales.

Memphis—Steady, 10 15-16c.; net receipts, 610 bales.

St. Louis—Steady, 11c.; net receipts, 428 bales.

Cincinnati—Nominal; net receipts, 444 bales.

Louisville—Firm, 11 1-8c.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, March 3.—Cotton—Spot good business done; prices 14 points higher. American middling fair, 6.44d.; good middling, 6.10d.; middling, 5.92d.; low middling, 5.76d.; good ordinary, 5.58d.; ordinary, 5.42d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which, 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 9,100 American. Receipts, 3,000 bales including 2,100 American. Futures opened firm and closed firm; American middling G. O. C.: March, 5.77d.; March and April, 5.77d.; April and May, 5.79d.; May and June, 5.82d.; June and July, 5.84d.; July and August, 5.86d.; August and September, 5.83d.; September and October, 5.68d.; October and November, 5.64d.; November and December, 5.63d.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL

New York, March 3.—Money on call nominal, no loans. Time loans steady, sixty days and ninety days, 5 1-2 per cent.; six months, 5 1-4. Prime mercantile paper, 5@5 3-4 per cent. Sterling exchange firmer with actual business in bankers bills at 485.75@485.85 for demand and at 482.50@482.60 for sixty day bills. Posted rates, 483 1-4@487. Commercial bills, 482 1-2. Bar silver, 64 7-8. Mexican dollars, 50.

N. Y. Bonds.

U. S. refunding, 3s reg.	103
U. S. refunding, 2s cou.	103 1-2
U. S. 3s reg	103
U. S. 3s cou	103 1-8
U. S. old, 4s reg.	102 3-4
U. S. old, 4s cou	103 3-4
U. S. New 4s reg	130
U. S. New 4s cou	130 1-4
American Tobacco, 4s cert	79
American Tobacco, 5s cert	116
Atlanic Coast Line, 5s cert	99 3-8
Baltimore & Ohio	104 5-8
L. & N. Unified, 5s	103
Seaboard Air Line	91
Southern Railway, 5s	118 1-4
U. S. Steel, 2d 5s	98 5-8

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	104 3-8
American Sugar Refining	138 1-4
American Tobacco, pfd., cert	104 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line	156
Baltimore & Ohio	110 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio, pfd	95
Chesapeake & Ohio	55 1-4
Louisville & Nashville	145 1-2
Manhattan L.	157
New York Central	145 1-2
Norfolk & Western	85
Norfolk & Western, pfd	91
People's Gas	96
Reading	134 7-8
Reading, 1st pfd	91 1-2
Reading, 2nd pfd.,	98 1-2
Southern Pacific	66
Southern Pacific, pfd	117 1-2
Southern Railway	38 3-8
Southern Railway, pfd	99 3-4
Tenn., Coal & Iron	149
U. S. Steel	40 5-8
U. S. Steel, pfd	105 7-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	49
Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd	111 1-2
S. A. L., com	—
S. A. L., pfd	—
Standard Oil	665
Western Union	93 3-8

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET

Chicago, Ills., March 3.—A sharp decline in the prices of wheat to-day followed a rapid by the bears on the local market. At the close wheat for May delivery was down 1,5-8; corn was down. 3-8c., oats were off, 1-8c. Provisions were a shade to 5 cents lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close.
Wheat, No. 2.—				
May	80	80¼	78½	78⅝
July	80	80⅝	78⅝	78⅞
Corn, No. 2.—				
May	43⅛	43⅛	42⅝	42¾
July	43⅝	43¾	43⅛	43¼
Sept	44⅛	44⅛	43¾	43¾
Oats, No. 2.—				
May	30¼	30¼	29⅞	30
July	29⅜	29⅝	29	29
Sept	28¼	28¼	28	28
Mess Pork, per bbl.—				
May	15.37½	15.45	15.35	15.42½
July	15.35	15.45	15.35	15.45
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—				
May	7.80	7.82½	7.80	7.80
July	7.90	7.92½	7.90	7.90
Sept	8.02½	8.02½	8.00	8.00
Lard, per 100 lbs.—				
May	8.15	8.20	8.15	8.17½
July	8.23½	8.25	8.20	8.22½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, dull and neglected; No. 2 spring wheat, 79@81; No. 3 spring wheat, 78; No. 2 red, 80 1-4@28 1-2; No. 2 corn, 39 1-2@40; No. 2 yellow, 39 1-2@40; No. 2 oats, 29 3-4; No. 2 white, 30 1-2@31 1-2; No. 3 white, 29 @31 1-4; No. 2 rye, 61; Mess pork, per bbl., 15.30@15.35; Lard, per 100 lbs. 7.70; Short ribs sides (loose), 8.05@8.10; Short clear sides (boxed), 8.35@8.40; Whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.28.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

New York, March 3.—Flour dull and lower. Minnesota patents, 4.30@4.60; Minnesota bakers, 3.50@3.85; Winter patents, 4.00@4.35.

CORN MEAL—Steady, fine white and yellow, 1.15; coarse, 1.02@1.05; kiln dried, 2.65@2.75.

WHEAT—Weak, No. 2 red, 84 1-4 elevator. Options broke sharply reaching new low records. May, 85 5-8; July, 85 3-8; September, 84 3-8.

CORN—Steady, No. 2, 49 elevator. Options partly 3-8 cent net lower. May, 48 3-4; July, 49 1-4; September, 49 3-4.

OATS—Steady, mixed, 34 1-2@35.

BEEF—Steady; family, 11.50@13.00; mess, 9.00@10.00; Beef hams, 20.00@21.50; packet, 10.50@11.00.

CUT MEATS—Firm; pickled bellies, 9 3-4@9 1-2; pickled shoulders, 7@7 1-2; pickled hams, 10 1-4@10 1-2.

LARD—Firm, middle western prime, 7.85@7.90; refined steady, compound, 6@6 3-8.

PORK—Firm; family, 17.00@17.50; short clear, 15.00@17.50; mess, 16.25@16.75.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 5; country, 5@5 1-4.

COFFEE—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice, 87 1-16; mild quiet; Cordova, 9 3-4@12 3-4. Futures quiet, net unchanged to 5 points lower.

SUGAR—Raw quiet; fair refining, 2 7-8@2 15-16; centrifugal, 3 3-8@3 7-16; molasses sugar, 2 5-8@2 11-16. Refined quiet; confectioners' A., 4.45; mould A., 4.95; cut loaf, 5.30; crushed, 5.30; powdered, 4.70; granulated, 4.60; cubes, 4.85.

BUTTER—Steady, unchanged.

CHEESE—Quiet, unchanged.

EGGS—Barely steady, unchanged.

POTATOES—Easy, unchanged.

CABBAGES—Dull, unchanged.

FREIGHTS—Quiet, unchanged.

PEANUTS—Quiet, unchanged.

COTTON SEED OIL—Firm and moderately active. Prime crude f. o. b. mills, 24 1-2@25. Prime Summer yellow, 32@32 1-4; prime white, 34 1-2@35; prime winter yellow, 34 1-2@35.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, March 3.—Turpentine quiet, 71 1-2 to 72; rosin quiet; strained common to good, 4.10 to 4.20.

Savannah, Ga., March 3.—Turpentine firm, 69; sales, 7; receipts, 9; shipments, 883. Rosin firm; sales, 929; recipts, 874; shipments, 1,425; stock, 50,577. Quote: A. B. C. D. E. F. G., 4.10; H., 4.25; I., 4.55; K., 5.20; M., 5.45; N., 5.90; W. G., 6.10; W. W., 6.20.

Charleston, S. C., March 3.—Turpentine and rosin nothing doing.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, March 3.—In the dry goods market to-day the movement was small. Although the situation was unchanged, yet the fact that buyers were still present in considerable numbers and that more were expected next week was a sustaining influence.

NIP IT IN THE BUD.

First Appearance of Dandruff a Forerunner of Future Baldness.

That such is the case has been conclusively proven by scientific research. Prof. Unna, the noted European skin specialist, declares that dandruff is the burrowed-up cuticle of the scalp, caused by parasites destroying the vitality in the hair bulb. The hair becomes lifeless, and, in time, falls out. This can be prevented.

Newbro's Herpicide kills this dandruff germ, and restores the hair to its natural softness and abundancy.

Herpicide is now used by thousands of people—all satisfied that it is the most wonderful hair preparation on the market to-day.

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A Scientific Wonder.

The cures that stand to its credit make Bucklen's Arnica Salve a scientific wonder. It cured E. R. Mulford, lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry, Waynesboro, Pa., of a distressing case of Piles. It heals the worst Burns, Sores, Boiles, Ulcers, Cuts, Wounds, Chilblains and Salt Rheum. Only 25c. at all Druggists.

Vinol builds you up and keeps you up

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Our delicious Cod Liver preparation without oil.

Better than old-fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions to restore health for

Old people, delicate children, weak run-down persons, and after sickness, colds, coughs, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles.

Try it on our guarantee.

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A house well advertised is half sold

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Armenia (Br.), 1,515 tons, Mackaess. Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Jno. R. Fell, 281 tons, Loveland, C. D. Mafflt.

Joel Cook, 319 tons, Walker, C. D. Mafflt.

Brazos, 190 tons, Snyder, C. D. Mafflt.

Annie C. Groves, 454 tons, Bailey, C. D. Mafflt.

Edith H. Symington, 881 tons, Stiles, C. D. Mafflt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., March 3, 1906.

C. C. Railroad—1 bale cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 38 barrels rosin; 119 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—146 bales cotton; 19 barrels tar; 7 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—148 barrels rosin; 6 barrels tar.

Stmr. Whitlock—50 barrels tar.

Str. Tar Heel—2 casks spirits turpentine; 300 barrels rosin; 50 barrels tar.

Str. Johnson—26 casks spirits turpentine; 200 barrels rosin; 65 barrels tar.

Total—147 bales cotton; 32 casks spirits turpentine; 686 barrels rosin; 309 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for City Pulpits To-Day.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Odd Fellows' building, second floor: Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson sermon, "Substance." All are invited.

St. Thomas' church: First Mass, 7 A. M., High Mass Sermon, 10.30 A. M. Vespers, 7:45 P. M.

Brooklyn Baptist church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. A. McKaughan, pastor: Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School, 3:30 P. M. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. 1st Sunday in Lent English service, 11 A. M.; Vesper service, 7.30 P. M. Theme: "The Firs Petition." Sunday School, 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all.

Market Street Methodist church, next to corner of Ninth and Market streets: There will be services to-day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School, 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. All are cordially invited to any or all these services. Evangelist M. J. Duryea, pastor.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley, pastor: Sunday School at 10 A. M.; Preaching services at 11 A. M.; Vesper services at 7:30 P. M.; Lenten services Thursday at 8 P. M. Every person welcome.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, corner Front and Queen streets: The services of this church are for all who will attend. The hours of service are, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. All visitors and strangers in the vicinity of this church are most cordially invited to attend. The seats are free and you are welcome.

Bladen Street Methodist church, corner of Fifth and Bladen, Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor: Service Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School, 3:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:45 P. M. Public is cordially invited.

St. John's church, corner of Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector; First Sunday in Lent: Litany, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock. Sunday School, 4 P. M. Seats free; strangers cordially invited.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner Fourth and Orange street, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector: Morning prayer sermon and Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Seats free. Strangers are cordially invited.

Crown the Feast with this dessert made from

Jell-O

Chocolate Walnut Jell-O. To one package of Chocolate Jell-O, add slowly one pint of boiling water and set away to cool. When it begins to harden, add one-half cup English walnut meats and half a dozen figs cut up fine. Serve with whipped Cream.

Jell-O comes in 6 fruit flavors: **Lemon, Orange, Raspberry, Strawberry, Chocolate and Cherry.**

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Rates—Twenty-five cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word. Positively, cash in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co.; or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes and small packages. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for advertisements always call the Star Office, 'Phone 51.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—LOT ON west side Second street between Princess and Chestnut, 99 feet on Second street by 135 feet on Postoffice avenue; elegant location for an apartment house. Davis & Davis, Southern building. mar4-1t

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TRAVELING SALESMEN WANTED to sell grocers. Permanent position. State present occupation and salary expected. Los Angeles Cider Co., St. Louis, Mo. mar4-1t*

FOR SALE—400 BUSHELS NORTON Yam Slips. Apply to W. A. Moore, Southport, N. C. mar4-4t*

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BOOKKEEPER WANTS POSITION—Thoroughly familiar with double-entry in all branches of business. Strictly sober and reliable. Gilt-edge reference. Address Bookkeeper, care Star. mar4-1t*

AGENTS—LUMINOUS NAMEPLATES, signs, numbers; readable darkest nights; easily sold; profits large; samples free. Wright Supply Co., Englewood, Ill. mar4-1t*

WANTED—BOARD AND FURNISHed room for lady and gentleman from April 25th, with nice family. Answer "Board," care The Star. mar4-1t*

WANTED IN EACH STATE SALESmen to sell large line tobacco. Permanent position. Central Tobacco Co., Penicks, Va. mar4-5t*

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NOTICE TO THE FARMERS—WILL sell you for cash or on time, our phosphate lime. It not only greatly increases your crops but rebuilds your soil. If you knew its value you would not fail to use it. For information write R. F. Keith, Wilmington, N. C. fe-22 tf

FRESH ARRIVALS—BANANAS, Apples, Onions, Oranges, Cabbage, and Irish Potatoes. Two cars just arrived. A. S. Winstead. oc22-tf

TOO BUSY TO WRITE ADVERTISEments. Wilmington Pressing Club. fe25-tf

CALL PHONE 547 WHEN YOU WANT a nice Chicken dinner, or N. C. Hams, country Sausage fresh every week. Full line groceries. Will appreciate your orders. S. F. Craig. ja29 tf

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COLD STORAGE—BUTTER CHEESE, Apples, Onions, Potatoes, Cabbage, Oranges and Tangerines. We buy only in car-load lots, and can undersell the other fellow. 'Phone, 94. Wm. R. Worth & Co. ja14-tf

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM. Apply to 608 Orange St. fe4-tf

WANTED.—BOOKKEEPER & STENographer for six or eight weeks. Answer in own hand-writing giving reference. Address, P. O. Box 178, Marion, S. C. mar-3 3t

MISS GORE'S EVENING DANCING class meets in Odd Fellows' Hall at 8:30 P. M. on Monday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. Afternoon classes on Tuesday and Friday at 4 o'clock in the same hall. Private lessons before classes. mar-3 3t

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10-4 All-Wool Scarlet Blankets, was $4.00, now $3.25

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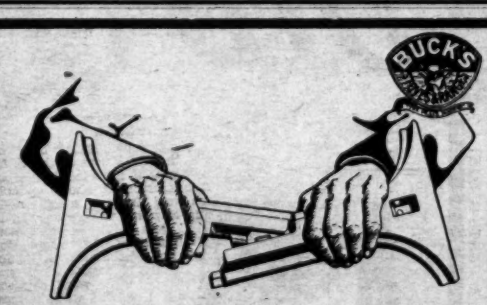

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Happenings and Doings In Society.

By G. N. H.

Lent began last Wednesday and will come to a close on Easter Sunday, April 15th.

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The Thursday Evening Bridge Whist Club's meetings will not be held during the Lenten season.

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Atlanta Constitution: "Miss Heloise Beebe, of Wilmington, N. C., will visit Miss Maude Haverty durjng March."

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Yates have returned from their bridal trip, and are at home at 110 Fourth street, North.

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Mrs. George Harriss is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jennings, of Fayetteville, at their beautiful home on Gillespie street.

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Miss Mary Allan Short will spend the month of March in Charlotte as the guest of Miss Maud Holt, who is very pleasantly known in this city.

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Miss Fan McNeely, who was the guest of Miss Anna Parsley during the last week of her visit in Wilmington, returned to Salisbury, N. C., last Monday.

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Mr. Tenche Cox has returned from a hunting trip in Florida. The sport was not very good or the hunt as long as planned, as freshets in the swamps prevented.

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Charlotte Observer: "Miss Maggie Haughton, of Wilmington, is visiting at the home of her brother, Captain Thomas H. Haughton, on East Eleventh street."

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Miss Heloise Beebe left Friday for a visit of about six weeks to friends in Augusta, Ga. Miss Beebe's many friends in Wilmington will regret to hear that she may not return to this city this season.

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Miss Nan Clark, of Tarboro, is a guest of Mrs. Denny at her apartments at the Lorraine, in Atlanta. A number of very charming entertainments have been given in honor of Miss Clark in Atlanta.

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An engagement soon to be announced will be of interest in Wilmington as well as in other sections of the State. The courtship has been conducted so quietly that the announcement will be a surprise to a great many.

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Miss Laura Clark entertained very pleasantly on Tuesday evening a few friends at cards. There were only two tables, but the party was congenial friends and a most pleasant evening and tempting refreshments were enjoyed.

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Mr. Milton Elliott gave a most enjoyable box party at the Granby theatre, in Norfolk, last week, in honor of Miss Virginia Hughes. After the play the party was entertained at Mr. Elliott's apartments in the Tazewell building.

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A very important meeting of the Colonial Dames will be held in their rooms in the Masonic Temple building next Wednesday. A full meeting is desired to elect officers and to select delegates to the biennial convention to be held in Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. Robert Jones, of Newbern, nee Miss Katie Walker, formerly of this city, is the ugest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holloway at their comfortable home at Fifteenth and Market streets. Mrs. Jones' friends and relatives are pleased to have her again among them.

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The Baltimore Sun says: "Miss Louise Reid, of Wilmington, N. C., is visiting her cousins, the Misses Thompson, on St. Paul street. Miss Julia Worth, of Wilmington, who is attending a seminary at Washington, spent Sunday and Monday with the Misses Thompson."

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Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hull, of Wilmington, attended the marriage of Miss Ada Hull and Mr. William Hampton Wade, in Savannah, Ga., Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. The marriage was one of the social events of the week in Savannah.

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Mrs. Henry B. Short, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ernest V. Baltzer, in Savannah, Ga., was one of the guests at an entertainment by the "Five Hundred Club" in that city last week. Mrs. Baltzer entertained at cards Tuesday afternoon in Savannah in honor of Mrs. Short.

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Miss Nora Angel, who has been on a short visit to friends in this city, returned to Washington, N. C., on Friday. Miss Angel's friends were pleased to have even this little glimpse of her, and are glad to know that she intends to return to Wilmington in June to attend the Borden-Cannon marriage.

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Mr. J. W. Caldwell, who was married last week in Goldsboro to Miss Sadie Bird, reached Southport on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were warmly welcomed by the friends of the groom, who holds a responsible position with the government at Fort Caswell and is decidedly popular with his many friends in Southport.

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Cards reading as follows have been received by their friends in this city: "Mr. and Mrs. James W. Atkinson invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Mattie, to Mr. James Edward Muse Wednesday evening, March fourteenth, nineteen hundred and six, at eight o'clock. 319 Burgess Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina."

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Miss Mary Hinsdale Slocomb, who is always a pleasant and welcome visitor, returned to Fayetteville last week. Before leaving many friends tried to induce Miss Slocomb to imbibe freely of Rock Spring water, of which the tradition is "that he or she who drinks this water will be compelled by its magic charms to return to Wilmington."

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The most interesting topic of thought and convensation among the younger set is the Easter brides and marriages of which three are three. Miss Eleanor Chase Emerson and Mr. Cornelius Van Leuven will be married Monday, April 16th; Miss Carrie Laurens Wright and Mr. Arthur B. Vanburen, Tuesday, April 17th, and Miss Louise Bellamy and Dr. Edward Jenner Wood, Wednesday, April 18th.

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Mrs. Frank L. Huggins gave a very pleasant river party on Monday afternoon on one of the many harbor tugs of the port. The day and weather were beautiful, ideal conditions for a pleasant boating party, and Mrs. Huggins' guests of whom there were fourteen, enjoyed the hospitality to the utmost. Tea was served in the cabin and social intercourse was not the least of the pleasures of the occasion.

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From the Society Page of the Atlanta Constitution: "At the Colonial Tea given by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Piedmont Chapter had a punch table that was beautifully decorated. The imense silver bowl was banked with cherry blossoms and roses. Punch was served by Miss Emma Morton and Miss Annie Caverly, both in Martha Washington gowns. Miss Morton was beautiful in white lace over silk and with her powdered hair and "beauty patches" looked like one of her Colonial ancestors, "Mistress Carrington," of Virginia.

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One of those nice, old-fashioned candy pullings was given on Monday night by Miss Ida Brown to her "old crowd of girl and boy friends." It was, of course, an informal gathering and for the time conventionalities were laid aside for the pleasures of other days. Miss Brown's "old" friends were Miss Amy Harlow, Miss Mildred Davis, Miss Beulah Armstrong, Miss Louise Harlow, Miss Neppie Borden, Miss Julia Parsley, Miss Nora Angel, Miss Lillie Gilchrist, Miss Nellie Sprunt, Mr. Oscar P. Peck, Mr. Willie Moore, Mr. Harry Smallbones, Mr. Speeden and Mr. W. G. W. Krafft.

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Friends on the "Delaware," the new government dredge, gave a reception and pretty supper complimentary to the young ladies of Southport last week. Several hours were spent by the participants in promenading the decks, admiring the beauties of a gorgeous sunset and listening to the soft crooning of the waves against the sides of the ship, as the hush of twilight settled on the beautiful harbor. An elaborate seated supper of seven courses was served in the mess-room, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. It was a merry party and a very enjoyable entertainment which will live in the memory of the participants.

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Palm Beach, Feb. 28.—One of the pretties luncheons of the season was given yesterday by Mrs. Eugene O'Neill, of Pittsburg, at her attractive Winter home, Ocean View Villa. The luncheon was in honor of Miss Bolles, a house-guest of Mrs. Henry M. Flagler. The dining-room was a harmony in pink and white; the decorations being double tulips of those shades, while the china and other accessories lent themselves to the color scheme. After luncheon an exciting game of Bridge was indulged in by the guests, who were Miss Bolles, Mrs. Flagler, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Snyder, Miss Love, Mrs. McCarter, Miss Barker, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Hanna.

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The music by the organist, Mr. E. H. Munson, and the quartette from the choir of Saint James' Episcopal church, in Saint Andrew's Presbyterian church last Sunday evening is spoken of as being very sweet and impressive. The quartette, composed of Mrs. Anne De-Rosset Harris, Mrs. Greene Fenley, Mr. Greene Fenley and Mr. Alex. S. Holden, whose voices are among the best in the city, under the skilful direction of Mr. Munson, sang with greatest atisfaction to the large congregation:

"O, Come Let Us Sing" .....
"Venite in E. Flat".....E. H. Munson
"O, Jesus Thou Art Standing".....
.....Thos. G. Sheppard
"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"..
"Magnificat in C." .....Dudley Buck

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An engagement which was announced in New York on Monday is of much interest here, Miss Annabelle Latimer and Mr. Sydney Wynne Pfoulkes, of Philadelphia, Pa., being the couple around whom the interest centres. Miss Latimer, who is well known and much admired, is claimed as a Wilmingtonian. During her visit here in the early Winter months of this season, Mr. Pfoulkes paid a long visit and the intimate friends of the couple knew of the engagement. Those who know the prospective groom speak of him as a most affable and cultured gentleman. Best wishes and congratulations of friends are extended the happy couple. The marriage will probably take place in this city in the Fall, but as yet no definite plans have been made.

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Miss Alice Borden, who was the guest of Miss Mabel Powers, in Atlanta, and who was the object of many charming social attentions in that city, returned to her home in this city the past week. In its society review last Sunday the society page of last Sunday's Constitution has the following: "The presence in the city of Mrs. Gilbert Lee, of Detroit; Mrs. Henry R. Wilson, of New York; Mrs. Joseph Cooper, of Philadelphia; Miss Evelyn Young, of Louisville; Miss Keeline, of Iowa; Miss Borden, of Wilmington; Miss Helen Davis, of Albany, has been the occasion of a series of bright entertainments, these including theater parties, dinners, luncheons, and card parties." Miss Borden was one of the guests at the "Nine O'Clock Cotillion" in the ball room of the New Kimball Friday night. Miss Borden, the guest of Miss Mabel Powers, wore a becoming dancing dress of blue, and Miss Powers' toilet was of painted lisse.

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Speaking of the Washington birthday observance at Palm Beach, Fla., a society correspondent from there writes: "Climatic conditions were perfect yesterday, and every event was a success. Among the most notable was a luncheon given by Mrs. Henry M. Flagler. The guests were Mrs. L. C. Hanna, Mrs. Robert C. Watson, Mrs. Frederic Sterry, Mrs. Bullard, Mrs. Karsner, Mrs. Willis Paine, Mrs. Eugene O'Neill, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Cory, Mrs. E. B. Warren, Mrs. George Morgan Ward, Mrs. D. O. Wickham, Miss Sarah Keenan, Miss Hanna Pattison Bolles, and Miss Maria Love, who is a house guest of Mrs. Charles Bingham's. The party afterwards viewed the field sports from the grand stand, which was crowded with people. After the delicious supper, which evidenced the kind thought of Mr. Sterry, the confetti battle took place. This proved great sport. This was a bit startling to the initiated, just at first, but everyone entered into the fun with spirit and a merry war ensued, during which everyone covered every one else with the pretty confetti, which has a way of remaining in crooks and corners of ones costume, as unexpected souvenirs."

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Mrs. J. McRee Hatch has returned from a very pleasant visit in the western part of the State. A society correspondent writes from Shelby as follows: "Misses Madge and Fay Webb entertained at a delightful little luncheon Thursday in honor of Mrs. J. MeeRe Hatch, of Wilmington, and Miss Edith Fort, of Gaffney, two charming young women who are visiting the Misses Webb. The luncheon table had for its centerpiece a lovely arrangement in white, green and silver, the flowers being white carnations filling cut glass vases. Silver candle sticks held wax tapers shaded with green and filagree silver shades and cut glass compotes held mints in white and green. A delicious hot luncheon of several courses was served. The Misses Webb received their guests with delightful cordiality and wore beautiful gowns of black china silk trimmed with valenciennes lace. Mrs. Hatch's pretty gown was of green crepe de chine trimmed with thread lace. Miss Fort wore a dainty gown of white mull made with Irish lace. The guests included Mrs. Ryburn, Mrs. Ab Blanton, Mrs. George Blanton, Mrs. Will Roberts, Mrs. Frank Jenkins, Mrs. Paul Webb, Miss Frick, Misses Fan and Cora Barnett, Miss Annie Miller, Miss Elva Wray and Miss Helen Dover."

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Wednesday's Savannah Morning News: "A most attractive event of yesterday was the afternoon card party given by Mrs. Ernest Victor Baltzer for Mrs. Henry Short of Lake Wacca maw, N. C. The rooms were beautifully adorned with Spring flowers, quantities of narcissus and white carnations adding charm to the surroundings. Flowers were used to mark the lone hands, narcissus for those of ten, and white carnations for those of twenty. The individual score cards were decorated with mosaic figures, and these, as well as the tally cards, tied with yellow. Assisting Mrs. Baltzer were Miss Anna Hunter, Miss Mary Houston and Miss Margaret Charlton. The first prize was a pair of gold pins and the lone hand prize a small Cloisonne vase. An opera bag was the consolatoin prize. Miss Harris won the first, Mrs. Barney the second, and Mrs. Corbin the consolation. Among those present were Mrs. Raymond Deanere, Mrs. A. B. Hull, Mrs. R. H. Knox, Miss Eugenia Johnston, Mrs. A. A. Lawrence, Mrs. J. M. Lang, Mrs. Jack Rauers, Mrs. Brand, Miss Withers, Miss Johnson, Mrs. W. G. Charlton. Miss Penniman, Mrs. W. A. Winburn, Mrs. Guy Howard, Mrs. W. A. Babee. Mrs. Cardwell, Mrs. M. X. Corbin, Mrs. J. A. G. Carson, Mrs. Charles G. Barney, Miss Minis, Mrs. N. C. White, of Athens, and Mrs. P. W. Meldrim."

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TUESDAY EVENING BRIDGE

The Tuesday Evening Bridge Whist Club was entertained last week by Mrs. Hugh MacRae in a most pleasing and charming manner. Pretty flowers in beautiful vases were placed in advantageous positions in the rooms and the evening's entertainment was of more than usual pleasure. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacRae, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur, Miss Lucile Murchison, Miss Sue McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Smith, Miss Martha Williams, Miss MacRae, Mrs. Wm. R. Kenan, Jr., Mrs. Burruss Corprew, Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise and Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A Dick, Miss Elliott Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Grainger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Mr. Thos. B. Willard, Mr. Albert S. Williams, Mr. Thos. H. Wright, Mr. Richard Bradley.

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IN COMPLIMENT TO MISS WRIGHT, MISS BORDEN.

A very pretty and novel entertainment, complimentary to Miss Carrie Wright and Miss Neppie Borden was given last Tuesday evening, of which Miss Jane Meares was the hostess. Following the reception of the guests, a small toy trunk, addressed to the two brides-elect, was opened and found to contain rice, which was promptly showered over the two

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Action Versus Fate

[Original.]

"They say," she said, pointing to a rock a hundred yards from shore against which the sunlit waves were breaking, "that if a man proposed to a woman on that rock she will be unable to resist him."

"How will he get her there? Take her out in a boat?"

"They can walk there when the tide's low."

"I see."

"It's called Lovers' rock."

"Who told you about it?"

"Oh, everybody about here knows Lovers' rock. I questioned an old fisherman about it the other day. He was getting his nets ashore. He told me that in his youth he had proposed to a girl there who cared nothing about him. He watched long for an opportunity, but it came at last. When he asked her on the rock she looked at him kind of dazed and fell into his arms."

"It beats all how superstitious some people are."

"Isn't it rather a feeling on the part of the girl that—well, that"—

"Exactly. Women are full of feeling, and a woman feels"— He hesitated.

"I know what you mean. How well you understand women."

He wondered. He didn't know himself what he meant?

"Now, if a man were to propose to me," she continued, "on Lovers' rock I would consider that Providence had brought the meeting about and I had met my fate."

There was a silence, during which the man mused: "This girl is giving me a great advantage. All I have to do is to get her to go with me to Lovers' rock and she is mine. She is either a desperate flirt or she loves me. In either case I have been bewitched by her and there is only one egress from the trap which I have fallen into—and that is Lovers' rock.

"It is high tide," he said aloud. "In six hours it will be at the ebb."

"That will be midnight."

"And it won't be ebb again before tomorrow noon," he muttered ruefully.

"The hour we all rest after bathing."

He mentally cursed the tides, which came and went at such inconvenient hours. He was looking out over the water, computing how long he would have to wait before learning whether he was to be happy or miserable. They stood for awhile looking at a gilded sail on the horizon. When the sun sank lower and the gilding faded they went back to the hotel.

The next morning he took her out in a boat, and, after rowing about idly, pulled for Lovers' rock. Once there he asked her to go ashore, but she sat in the stern and smilingly declined.

"Which means," he said, "that Providence does not intend"—

"Oh, Providence only influences people on Lovers' rock who have walked there."

That afternoon he spent studying the almanac and learned that in about a week he might hope to get on to Lovers' rock at a time when it would be proper to take a lady there or when the sun was not looking down from directly overhead.

He was tempted to ask his question in the evening on the piazza, but he believed that if he did he would meet with a refusal. So he counted the days and the hours, even the minutes, till the tide would ebb at from 4 to 6 in the afternoon.

Fortunately for him the moon did not stand still, but drew the tide later every day. She had been used to emerging after her siesta at 4 o'clock, but when the tide served so as to enable them to get to Lovers' rock at that hour she did not emerge till the evening meal. This threw him into a fever which only rendered him more beside himself. Just before dusk she came out on the piazza, becomingly dressed, and he asked her to walk down on the beach. She hesitatingly consented, and he led the way to the tongue of sand over which they might go to Lovers' rock. Now that it was possible to go there she demurred. "She has grown coy," he said to himself. "I must be bold. A woman likes to be carried, not led." He seized her hand and drew her, struggling faintly, where he wanted her to go. Tiptoeing over the wet spots, they gained the rock, climbed it and stood on the summit.

The air was still, the stars were coming out overhead, the waves rolled in, gently breaking on the beach. She did not seem to be thinking of the ocean or the sky. Her eyes wandered about in a pleasing distress. He felt encouraged. Surely she was under the influence of that singular feminine feeling that was to be expected with a lover on Lovers' rock. He poured forth his tale of love.

She did not fall on his shoulder. She covered her face with her hands and said:

"I am so sorry. Four days ago I was on this rock with a man."

He turned away crushed, then faced her and asked:

"At what hour of the day or night did you come here?"

"It was a week ago. He came up from the city at night on the 10 o'clock train and was obliged to go back at 5 in the morning. We sat out on the plazza till after midnight, then he swore that I should go with him to Lovers' rock. I told him that the hour was not a proper one for a girl to go there with a man. He brutally declared that hours were nothing to him and go I should. He obliged me to go."

"And you accepted him?"

"What could I do?"

"What could you do? Oh, heavens!"

THOMAS BARBER JUDSON.

Brothers Drew Straws For the Girl All Loved

Raleigh, N. C., February 24.—The story of the novel manner by which a bride was selected comes from Davie county.

There were three brothers—John, William and Henry Mock—all fine specimens of physical manhood, and all well-to-do in the goods of this world. Near the Mock family lived the old family of Jacob DePass, and the chief ornament of this family was Miss Nellie DePass. Each one of the Mock boys was in love with Miss Nellie, and had told her so many times, and had avowed their lives would be utterly worthless unless this beauty would become their wife. This young lady's eyes are said to sparkle like a mountain brooklet in which are found the speckled trout. Her cheeks are said to be as fair as a sourwood blossom, and her eyes are the color of a chestnut burr. She weighs about 130 and appears to have been cut out of marble by some first-class sculptor. She rides like an amazon and shoots like the best man of the mountains.

Miss Nellie said she loved each one of these Mock boys, and could not decide so this courtship continued—brother against brother. Whenever Miss Nellie went to church—preaching as they call it in the country—two of the brothers walked on either side of her and the other walked behind.

Miss Nellie decided that she would have a Christmas wedding, and she told each one of the brothers to get ready, as though he was to be the favored one, among them. So she kept them dangling after her train for many months. And the two who failed to get her could be the best man and wait on their more fortunate brother.

So they all got ready and all the preparations were made, as though the groom was known, and the guests were invited. On last Christmas night the guests assembled at the house of Jacob DePass and great was the curiosity to know which of the brothers was to be the groom. Each one was asked, and he said he did not know, nor how the choice was to be made.

Finally, at 9 o'clock Miss Nellie walked into the parlor in her finest costume and looking as lovely as a sunbeam, and announced that she had decided to let the brothers draw straws to see which one she would marry. She said she would manipulate the straws, as she was disinterested. And so she prepared the straws in the presence of the assembled guests—selecting one dozen straws, so that they could not say she had given either one of the brothers the hint as to the shortest one. There was breathless silence as she held the straws in both her hands and asked the oldest brother to draw first—the next oldest second—and the youngest last. When the straws were laid on the center table to be inspected, it was found that the youngest brother had drawn the shortest straw. Immediately Miss Nellie took his arm and the bridemaids and their attendants arranged themselves in front of the family minister, who was there for the occasion, and in less time than it takes to tell it Miss Nellie was Mrs. Henry Mock.

The other two brothers were the first to congratulate the bride and groom, and to wish them all the happiness possible in this life. After the ceremony there was dancing and an old-fashioned supper. The next day all the company moved over to the Mock mansion and had an old-fashioned "in-fair."

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By Rail and Water

The Georgia Central railroad is getting things in shape to commence improvements of freight terminals in Athens, Ga., that will involve an outlay of not less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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The Norfolk and Western railway has appropriated $25,000 for the enlargement of the yards in Winston-Salem. The company has also purchased the land for the building of a fifty or sixty car siding near Oakland Furniture Plant, just northeast of the city.

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The Lane Bros. Company, contractors, writes the Manufacturers' Record confirming the report that it has been awarded a contract on the Southern Railway between Greensboro and Spencer, N. C. Most of the present line there will be relocated and double-tracked at a cost of about $1,000,000, the work to be completed in one year. The purchasing agent of the Lane Bros. Company for this work is located at Lynchburg, Va.

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A manificent four-story building to be constructed of white pressed brick will be erected by the Seaboard Air Line on the corner of Hogan and Bay streets in Jacksonville, Fla., upon which is at present located what is commonly known as "Transportation Row." For some time the Seaboard has been planning extensive improvements in its yards in Jacksonville, which would cost approximately $500,000, and the work is soon to begin.

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In further confirmation of the story that the Seaboard has acquired the South and Western an Asheville N. C. correspondent wires the Atlanta Consttution as follows: "The South and Western Railroad Company has sold its principal stock to the Seaboard Air Line and the latter will receive it at Rutherfordon. This information is given out by J. Bis Ray, of Yancey county, who as an attorney for the South and Western railway, has just returned from New York city, where he went on business connected with the affairs of that road."

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Among the "less' things of our generation it begins to look as if we would have the stopless passenger train, says the Savannah Morning News. For years locomotives have taken water without stopping, and mail bags have been snatched from posts at sixty miles an hour. Now a device has been perfected by which the tender may be filled with coal while the locomotive is under full speed. As soon as the geniuses can perfect some plan for snatching on passengers and throwing them off without breaking bones, the train will not have to pause an instant between its termini.

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No more will the cheery voice of the vendor of "all the latest magazines, peanuts, popcorn and chewing gum," be heard on the trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad Comapny. A formal order has been issued by that company ordering off its passenger trains all the "newsies" over its entire 5,000-mile system. The order is directed to the Pennsylvania Union News Company, and is a staggering blow to that concern. The action is a general extension of a similar order issued some time ago, but applying only to the lines east of Pittsburg. The Union News Company will be permitted to retain its terminal stands and to sell in trains while they are standing.

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Tampa had last week among its visitors a well-known New York financier, Mr. S. G. Bon Durant, who was stopping at the Tampa Bay hotel, where he was a guest for several days, investigating the feasibility of an electric railway line from that cty to the east coast of Florda. Mr. Bon Durant proposes to make a trip across country to the east coast and will follow this up with a survey of a route for the proposed road. He stated that the country through which such a road could be constructed presents a most inviting field for the construction of an electric railway, which could be completed with little trouble and expense compared with the building of such roads in other sections of the country.

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It is announced from Brunswick that the Atlantic and Birmingham Railroad will establish a line of steamers between Brunswick and New York. President Harry M. Atkinson of the Atlantic and Birmingham Railroad, stated in an interview with a representative of the Brunswick News that the contract for ocean liners had been let, and the service will begin as soon as the vessels can be built following the completion of the port facilities which the company will build at Brunswick. The Atlantic and Birmingham is under contract to build terminals to cost not less than $500,000 at Brunswick, and President Atkinson states that the expenditures for the development of the port will be very much in excess of that amount.

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An editorial correspondent of the Charlotte Observer writing impressions of a recent trip to Florida, says: "Jacksonville has one institution which it is claimed lacks a duplicate—a trolley line owned and operated solely by negroes. The lines extend through 'Spotless Town,' where the majority of the ten or fifteen thousand negroes live. The men on the cars are negroes, and each car bears a sign over three seats at one end of the car, 'For Whites.' When I saw this the idea struck me that here was an effective answer to the negro's claim of discrimination by the operation of the so-called Jim Crow car law when some two or three or whatever number of seats is necessary is designated 'For Negroes' on the ordinary cars. If it is discrimination against the negro to keep him to himself on the white man's cars it certainly is discrimination against the whites to keep them to themselves on the negro lines. I never, however, heard of a white passenger complaining because he could not sit among the colored passengers."

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"The Royal Ponciana, at Palm Beach, the Royal Palms, at Miami and other leading resorts on the east coast of Florida, are filled to overflowing," said a well-informed railroad man who returned from that section to Jacksonville the past week. "I was compelled to sleep on a cot Saturday night as did others who called for accommodations at the Royal Poinciana hotel. Never in my life before have I seen such a rush to the coast as there is at present. Why, last season was a dull one compared to the present season, at least in my opinion. Just before leaving for the east coast, I met a man who told me that the tourist business was far below that of last season. He said that he was just from the east coast and the hotels were almost empty. This, I can truthfully say, was not so, for I saw the congested conditions in the leading resorts myself. Of course, people come and go all the time and I imagine that those who visit the leading resorts this week can secure rooms and not be compelled to sleep on cots as I did last week but the travel is very heay."

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About every railroad in the country is working all forces to increase its equipment, but very few are making better headway in this direction than the Louisville and Nashville. This road has completed its new shops in Louisville and now has a large force there building ten new locomotives of the Atlantic type. Some time ago the company bought six big locomotives from the Northern Pacific Road and placed orders with manufacturers for thirty more. Being unable to get new locomotives as soon as they were wanted, the company decided to build its own engines, and the Louisville shops will turn out a score or more a year in the future. The Louisville shops are also working on fifty big passenger coaches, which are badly needed on the line. The road has been short of equipment for several years, and as the car works in the country are crowded with orders, it is uncertain when an order can be filled, so the Louisville and Nashville will avoid this delay by building its own cars. At the big shops in Decatur, Ala., nothing but freight cars are being built, but the shops there are turning out freight cars at the fate of seven daily, and have been for nearly a year. Contracts have been let for a large addition to the shops, and later this year the capacity will be greatly increased. The Louisville and Nashville road is now entirely independent of car or locomotive manufacturers, as it can build anything it needs in the way of motive power and rolling stock in its own shops. The small shops along the line of the road will do all repairing, and the two big shops will devote all their time to heavy repairs and building new cars and engines.

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A special from Baltimore says: "A syndicate headed by Middendorf, Williams & Co., of Baltimore, and John L. Williams, of Richmond, have acquired several small railroad lines in the South, which they will connect and form a new trunk line, from Augusta, Ga., to the Gulf of Mexico. The total mileage of the new system when extensions planned are completed will be about 450. The lines traverse the section between Augusta and Valdosta, Ga., a distance of about 200 miles. Less than 100 miles of new road fill have to be built to connect those already purchased.

Some of the roads that have been bought are the Augusta and Florida, recently completed between Keysville, Ga., and Midville; the Swainsville and Red Bluff railway, from Midville to Swainsville; the Douglas, Augusta and Gulf railway, from Barrows Bluff to Nashville. The plans of the purchasers have not been worked out as yet, except that it is their intention to build an extension to Tallahassee, Fla., at which point connection will be made with roads now reaching the Gulf of Mexico. It is understood that the Augusta and Florida will immediately be extended from Keysville to Augusta, a distance of about 25 miles. It is also contemplated to build an extension of about 10 miles to a connection with the Millen and Vidalia on the Seaboard Air Line system. Another 25-mile extension probably will be built to Hazlehurst where conection will be made with a 40-mile line to Nashville, Ga. From Nashville an extension of 25 miles will be constructed to Valdosta to be followed later by an extension to Tallahassee, a distance of 40 miles. The proposed new trunk line will traverse one of the richest sections of Georgia and Florida. Money to finance the deal has been already supplied, and the promoters are now busily engaged upon the plans of extension and other details connected with the formation of the new system.

TWINKLINGS.

—A bridal couple from an adjoining county stopped at a Durham boarding house. At breakfast they conversed as follows: He—Shall I skin you a tater honey? She—No, I thank you, dearie; I have one already skun.—Durham (N. C.) Sun.

—"Say, papa," queried the sweet girl graduate, "what is your definition of the term 'womanly woman?'" "A womanly woman," replied the old man, "is one who is capable of manufacturing a pie like your grandmother used to turn out."—Chicago News.

—"My dear," said Mr. Nearsite, watching his little boy playing at bean bag in the street, "what is that our Willie is trying to catch out there?" "I don't know, I'm sure," replied his wife, wearily; "he's already had the mumps, measles and whooping cough."—Philadelphia Press.

—"I shall make you love me yet," declared Mr. Stinjay, determinedly. "I shall leave no stone unturned." "Ah! that sounds like!" exclaimed the fair girl. "If the stone weighs not less than a carat and is pure white you may interest me."—Philadelphia Ledger.

SEABOARD.
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The Seaboard Announces the Following Special Rates Account of Special Occasions Under Rules and Conditions Given Below.

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Richmond, Va.—True Reformers, Rosebud Convention, Feb. 26th-27th, tickets sold Feb. 21st to 25th on certificate plan basis.

Louisville, Ky.—Account Department of Superintendence, National Educational Association, Feb. 27th-March 1st. Rate of one fare plus 25 cents for round trip, tickets sold Feb. 24th, 25th, 26th, final limit, March 4th.

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"HELP, I AM ATTACKED."

Amusing Story of a Lighthouse Signal on English Coast.

Walting Island, in the Bahamas, is held by some geographers to have been the landing-place of Christopher Columbus. It is British territory, our Government being represented by a few officials among a negro population.

It has a lighthouse in charge of a keeper named Jones, who has not long been married.

Late in December an English steamer came into harbour at Kingston, Jamaica, with the news that Wal ing Island lighthouse was flying the signal "N J," which in the international code signifies "Help, I am attacked." His Majesty's mails, however, were in the steamer's hold, and they may not be delayed.

Kingston officials agreed that only one explanation was possible. The blacks of Walting Island had risen, and the white men were making their last desperate stand within the lighthouse.

At Nassau Commander Todd, R. N., who is in charge of the lighthouse service of the Bahamas, has his headquarters. News of the Watling Island peril came to him, cabled by way of New York, and forthwith his little vessel, filled with an armed crew, steamed for Walting Island, 200 miles away.

The next morning Nassau Harbour received an American schooner out of Portland, Maine, whose skipper was engerly questioned for tidings of Walting Island. He, too, had seen the signal from the lighthouse, which did not appeal to him in vain, for he lay to, armed his boat with wnat firearms he could lay hands on, and pulled to the rescue.

No enemy appeared upon the coast line, but at the lighthouse door stood its keeper, with a happy smile upon his face.

"There's two bottles of wine inside," he said. "Come on in and have one."

"What's 'N J' hoisted for?" asked the astonished skipper.

"For my first son, Nathaniel Jones," replied the keeper; "born Wednesday."

The "Chicago Tribune," which publishes this tale, has no news of Commander Todd's expedition. It is possible that the second bottle of wine may have failed to pacify that zealous officer.—London Daily Mail.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Burgaw, N. C., Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Sidbury celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage at their beautiful country home "Belvidere," near this place Thursday night. Many guests were present from Burgaw and the neighborhood and all spent a delightful time. Among those from a distance were: Miss Katie Bannerman, of Bannermans; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. King, of Wilmington; Messrs. I. W. Sidbury, Lon Nixon, Don King, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene King, of Topsail Sound, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Pullen and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Sparkman, and Mrs. B. I. Durham, of Burgaw; Misses Katie Bannerman, Fannie Sidbury and Mrs. E. T. Pullen received the guests. The house was beautifully and artistically decorated with tropical plants, bamboo and fern. The presents were many, beautiful and costly. An elegant supper was served from 9 to 11 o'clock, consisting of all the delicacies of the season. After extending their congraulations to their hostesses, the young people repaired to the home of Mr. S. J. Sidbury, where they danced till the "we sma'" hours. The Topsail string band composed of six pieces, furnished music for both occasions.

CHARLES CARTER.

Who Plays Mr. Stubbins in "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," Coming Next Week.

DANGER OF ADULTERATION.

No subject has of late been more widely and more exhaustively discussed in the columns of newspapers and periodicals of all kinds, both in this country and abroad, than that of adulteration.

The causes which have led to the investigation and discussion of this matter are found in the widespread adulteration of liquor. This evil has grown to such proportions as to not only prove a menace to health, but to become, in fact, the foundation of many ailments which afflict mankind. It were time the press and people took up arms against the unscrupulous dealers who deluge the country with products which, while pretending to be pure, are the vilest and most pernicious of substitutes; not only imparing the health of consumers, but endangering their lives as well.

Not only are the jobbers and wholesalers at fault, but also the retail dealers. Whiskey when it leaves the distillery is necessarily pure but after passing through the dealer's hands much of it reaches the consumer in a most dangerous state of adulteration. The temptation to adulterate the goods in order to make more profit is too strong for the average dealer to resist. Therefore, the only absolute protection the consumer has is to buy direct from a United States Registered Distiller. Then you know the whiskey is perfectly pure and at the same time you save the enormous profits of the dealers. This method of selling direct from distiller to consumer positively prevents any tampering or adulterating by a second or third party, and should receive the praise and patronage of every American who is in favor of purity as against vileness; safety as opposed to danger.

The Hayner Distilling Company's announcement, elsewhere in this paper, is worthy of your careful consideration.

At The Theatre.

With the exception of "A Jolly American Tramp," which will be seen tomorrow night, the theatre according to the outlook now, will be dark for the remainder of the week. On Wednesday night week, however the Academy management will offer something extraordinary in the appearance of that commanding classic comedy figure, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" which, it is heralded, comes "crowned with clover-sweet success and dispensing in her philosophy and her conduct of life an anodyne for blues, grouchiness and pessimism." The two books from which the play has been dramatized have been widely read in Wilmington and for that reason great interest attaches to the coming of the production:

"MRS. WIGGS OF THE CABBAGE PATCH."

English theatrical managers who saw the performance of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" at the Savoy theater, New York, during its record run declared that it was the genre play par excellence; that is to say, it excelled in the truthful delineation of types, and gave, not one, but many for the memories of the thousands who saw the dramatization of Mrs. Rice's two popular stories.

"Lovey Mary" and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" have been and still are enormous sellers in the book stores, but the stage presentation of Mrs. Rice's whimsical creation has outdone in public popularity the books themselves. It is unusual for the dramatist to improve upon the material furnished by books, but this Mrs. Anne Crawford Flexner has done and in decided fashion. She enriched the play with wit and humor, and made its action interesting from start to finish.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" now seems certain to be one of the longest-lived characters on the American stage. Her philosophy is wanted in England, and Messrs. Liebler and company, who produce the play in this country, are being importuned to send the entire Savoy production to England. It is this cast and production which, by the way, will be seen here at the Academy on March 14th.

The company is coming to Wilmington from a tour in the further South, being now in Atlanta, Ga. Of a production in Mobile, Ala., last week, the Register of that city says:

"Mrs. Flexner's arrangement of Mrs. Rice's two stories, 'Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch,' and 'Lovey Mary,' so as to make one play of them, deserves more detailed notice than it is possible to give them in a paper already crowded with Carnival reports. It is a thoroughly interesting play, performed by actors of merit, who take the liveliest interest in their work. Miss Madge Carr Cook as Mrs. Wiggs, Miss Bessie Barriscale as Lovey Mary, Miss Helen Lowell as Mis' Hazy, Mr. Charles Carter as Mr. Stubbins and a host of other clever people made the evening's entertainment laughable and at times deeply pathetic. Miss Lowell's representation of Mis' Hazy was a masterpiece. Miss Cook offered a very faithful picture of the good angel of the cabbage patch. The audience was delighted, applauded everything enthusiastically and was sorry when the play was over."

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"A JOLLY AMERICAN TRAMP."

"A Jolly American Tramp," is the striking title of a new play by E. E. Kidder, the well known author, who wrote "A Poor Relation" and "Peaceful Valley," which attained considerable fame. The play will be offered by the veteran manager, U. D. Newell, at the Academy of Music to-morrow night. It is a story of American life portrayed by American characters, and told in a quick sparkling way, full of strong dramatic climaxes, brisk dialogue and brilliant comedy. The central idea concerns the defrauding of a life insurance company by a rascal named Joe Barret. Both the idea and treatment are absolutely new and original, if such things can truthfully be said in dramatic writing to-day. Joe Barrett insures his wife's life for $20,000, and then, by his scheming, lays claim she died. He has however stupefied her with powerful drugs and keeps her a close prisoner in the top garret of his house where no one ever visits except himself. He then substitutes a body, the face of which has been destroyed and the body is buried as his wife's and he collects the $20,000 from he insurance company. His step-daughter, a little girl of fourteen, the child of the ill-treated wife, is away at school at this time and knows nothing of her mother being alive, being forbidden to go upon the upper floor of the house where the victim is secreted. The suspicions of a detective connected with the insurance company, named Warren Wade, are aroused, and with the assistance of the woman's child, a little girl named Flo, and his friend Barker, and a quaint character, a tramp called "Happy Jack," he discovers the unfortunate woman secreted in the attic, being treated to slow poison, and after an exciting series of adventures rescues her to her daughter and friends, and metes out the proper punishment to Barrett and his accomplices, an adventuress who has agreed to marry him and fly to foreign lands with he $20,000 defrauded from the life insurance company. The character of Happy Jack, played by Jack Allen, the character actor, is a most novel and quaint conceit. He is an ex-circus performer, the death of his wife and child having robbed him of all his ambition until he became, as he expresses it, a common ordinary American tramp, one like you read of in the funny papers that is a standing joke to everyone but themselves. This interesting story is told with pleasing specialties, with wholesome comedy by "Happy Jack" and a comedy Irish woman named Delia Dooley, whose bright lines keep the audience in continuous good humor throughout the entire evening's entertainment.

—When the white nations have awakened China, forced her to learn their secrets of invention and put their weapons in her hands, whom can they blame if she becomes a menace to the world?—Baltimore Sun.

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CHAPTER XV.

"Methought I met a damsel fair.
And tears were in her eyes;
Her head and arms were bare;
I heard her bursting sighs.

"I stopped and looked her in the face.
'Twas then she sweetly smiled.
Her features shone with mournful grace
Far more than nature's child.

"With diffident and downcast eye,
In modest tones she spoke.
She wiped a tear and gave a sigh
And then her silence broke"—

So sang Mrs. Tanberry at the piano, relieving the melancholy which possessed her, but Nelson pausing in the hall to listen and exceedingly curious concerning the promised utterance of the damsel fair, was to suffer disappointment, as the ballad was broken off abruptly and the songstress closed the piano with a monstrous clatter. Little doubt may be entertained that the noise was designed to disturb Mr. Carewe, who sat upon the veranda consulting a strong cigar, and less that the intended insult was accomplished. For an expression of a vindictive nature was precipitated in that quarter so simultaneously that the bang of the piano lid and the curse were even as the report of a musket and the immediate cry of the wounded.

Mrs. Tanberry at once debouched upon the piazza, showing a vast, clouded countenance. "And I hope to heaven you already had a headache!" she exclaimed.

"The courtesy of your wish, madam," Carewe replied, with an angry flash of his eye, "is only equaled by the kindness of heaven in answering it. I have, in fact, a headache. I always have nowadays."

"That's good news," returned the lady heartily.

"I thank you," retorted her host.

"Perhaps if you treated your daughter with even a decent Indian's kind of politeness you'd enjoy better health."

"Ah! And in what failure to perform my duty toward her have I incurred your displeasure?"

"Where is she now?" exclaimed the other excitably. "Where is she now?"

"I cannot say."

"Yes, you can, Robert Carewe!" Mrs. Tanberry retorted, with a wrathful gesture. "You know well enough she's in her own room, and so do I, for I tried to get in to comfort her when I heard her crying. She's in there with the door bolted, where you drove her!"

"I drove her!" he sneered.

"Yes; you did, and I heard you. Do you think I couldn't hear you raging and storming at her like a crazy man? Why can't you be a good father to her?"

"Perhaps you might begin by asking her to be a good daughter to me."

"What has she done?"

"The night before I went away she ran to a fire and behaved there like a common street hoiden. The ladies of the Carewe family have not formerly acquired a notoriety of that kind."

"Bah!" said Mrs. Tanberry.

"The next morning, when I taxed her with it, she dutifully defied and insulted me."

"I can imagine the delicacy with which you 'taxed' her. What has that to do with your devilish tantrums of this afternoon, Robert Carewe?"

"I am obliged to you for the expression," he returned. "When I came home this afternoon I found her reading that thing." He pointed to many very small fragments of Mr. Cummings' newspaper, which were scattered about the lawn near the veranda.

"Well?"

"Do you know what that article was, madam, do you know what it was?" Although breathing heavily, Mr. Carewe had compelled himself to a certain outward calmness, but now, in the uncontrollable agitation of his anger, he sprang to his feet and struck one of the wooden pillars of the porch a shocking blow with the bare knuckles of his clinched hand. "Do you know what it was? It was a eulogy of that Vanrevel! It pretended to be an account of the enrollment of his infernal company, but it was nothing more than a glorification of that nigger loving hound! His company—a lot of sneaks, who'll run like sheep from the first greaser—elected him captain yesterday, and today he received an appointment as major! It dries the blood in my veins to think of it—that black dog a major! Heavens, am I never to hear the last of him? Cummings wrote it, the fool, the lying, fawning, slobbering fool. He ought to be shot for it! Neither he nor his paper ever enters my doors again! And I took the dirty sheet from her hands and tore it to pieces"—

"Yes," interposed Mrs. Tanberry, "it looks as if you had done it with your teeth."

—"and stamped it into the ground'"

"Oh, I heard you!" she said.

Carewe came close to her and gave her a long look from such bitter eyes that her own fell before them. "If you've been treacherous to me, Jane Tanberry," he said, "then God punish you! If they've met—my daughter and that man—while I was away, it is on your head."

He turned and walked to the door, while the indomitable Mrs. Tanberry, silenced for once, sank into the chair he had vacated. Before he disappeared within the house he paused.

"If Mr. Vanrevel has met my daughter," he said in a thick voice, stretching out both hands in a strange, menacing gesture toward the town that lay darkling in the growing dusk, "if he has addressed one word to her or so much as allowed his eyes to rest on her overlong, let him take care of himself!"

"Oh, Robert, Robert!" Mrs. Tanberry cried in a frightened whisper to herself. "All the fun and brightness went out of the world when you came home!"

But there were other reasons than the return of Robert Carewe why Rouen had lost the joy and mirth that belonged to it. Nay, the merry town had changed beyond all credence. It was hushed like a sickroom and dolefully murmurous with forebodings of farewell and sorrow.

For all the very flower of Rouen's youth had promised to follow Tom Vanrevel on the long and arduous journey to Mexico, to march burning miles under the tropical sun, to face strange fevers and the guns of Santa Anna.

Few were the houses of the more pretentious sort that did not mourn in prospect the going of son or brother or close friend. Mothers already wept not in secret, fathers talked with husky bravado, and every one was very kind to those who were to go, speaking to them gently and bringing them little foolish presents. Nor could the hearts of girls now longer mask as blocks of ice to the prospective conquistadores. Eugene Madrillon's young brother, Jean, after a two years' Beatrice and Benedict wooing of Trixie Chenoweth, that notable spitfire, announced his engagement upon the day after his enlistment and recounted to all who would listen how his termagant felt upon his neck in tears when she heard the news. "And now she cries about me all the time," finished the frank Jean blithely.

But there was little spirit for the old merriments. Fanchon, Virginia and five or six others spent their afternoons mournfully, and yet proudly, sewing and cutting large pieces of colored silk, fashioning a great flag for their sweethearts and brothers to bear southward and plant where stood the palace of the Montezumas.

That was sad work for Fanchon, though it was not for her brother's sake that she wept, since, as every one knew, Jefferson was already so full of malaria and quinine that the fevers of the south and Mexico must find him invulnerable, and even his mother believed he would only thrive and grow hearty on his soldiering. But about Crailey Fanchon had a presentiment more vivid than any born of the natural fears for his safety. It came to her again and again, reappearing in her dreams. She shivered and started often as she worked on the flag, then bent her fair head low over the gay silks, while the others glanced at her sympathetically. And when the flag was completed save for sewing the stars upon the blue ground she took it away from the others and insisted upon finishing the work herself.

It was at this juncture, when the weeping of women was plentiful, when old men pulled long faces and the very urchins of the street observed periods of gravity and even silence, that a notion entered the head of Mrs. Tanberry—young Janey Tanberry—to the effect that such things were all wrong. She declared energetically that this was no decent fashion of farewell; that after the soldiers went away there would be time enough to enact the girls they had left behind them, and

Mrs. Tanberry came in and worshiped it.

that until then the town should be made enlivening. So she went about preaching a revival of cheerfulness.

Nor was her vigor spent in vain. It was decided that a ball should be given to the volunteers of Rouen two nights before their departure for the state rendezvous, and it should be made the noblest festival in Rouen's history. The subscribers took their oath to it.

Miss Betty laid out her prettiest dress that evening, and Mrs. Tanberry came in and worshiped it as it rested, like foam of lavender and white and gray, upon the bed, beside the snowy gloves with their tiny, stiff lace gauntlets, while two small white sandal slippers, with jeweled buckles where the straps crossed each other, were being fastened upon Miss Betty's silken feet by the vain and gloating Mamie.

"It's a wicked cruelty, princess!" exclaimed Mrs. Tanberry. "We want to cheer the poor fellows and help them to be gay, and here do you deliberately plan to make them sick at the thought of leaving the place that holds you! Or have you discovered that there's one poor vagabond of the band getting off without having his heart broken, and made up your mind to do it for him tonight?"

"Is father to go with us?" asked Betty. It was through Mrs. Tanberry that she now derived all information concerning Mr. Carewe, as he had not directly addressed her since the afternoon when he discovered her reading the Journal's extra.

"No; we are to meet him there. He seems rather pleasanter than usual this evening," remarked Mrs. Tanberry hopefully as she retired.

"Den we mus' git ready to share big trouble tomorrer!" commented the kneeling Mamie, with a giggle.

Alas, poor adoring servitress, she received a share unto herself that very evening, for her young mistress, usually as amiable as a fair summer sky, fidgeted, grumbled, found nothing well done and was never two minutes in the same mind. After donning the selected dress, she declared it a fright, tried two others, abused each roundly, dismissed her almost weeping handmaiden abruptly and again put on the first. Sitting down to the mirror, she spent a full hour over the arrangement of her hair.

When Mrs. Tanberry came in to tell her that Nelson was at the block with the carriage Miss Betty did not turn, and the elder lady stopped on the threshold and gave a quick, asthmatic gasp of delight.

"Oh," said Mrs. Tanberry, "you make me want to be a man! I'd pick you up and run to the north pole, where no one could ever follow. And I can tell you that it hurts not to throw my arms round you and kiss you, but you're so exquisite I don't want to touch you!"

"Dance wid de han'somdest," screamed Mamie, pursuing uproariously to see the last of her as she jumped into the carriage, "bow to de wittriest an' 'o one you love de bes'r"

"That will be you!" said Miss Betty to Mrs. Tanberry and kissed the good lady again.

CHAPTER XVI.

It is a matter not of notoriety, but of the happiest celebrity, that Mrs. Tanberry danced that night; and not only that she danced, but that she waltzed. To the lot of Tappingham Marsh (whom she pronounced the most wheedling vagabond, next to Crailey Gray, of her acquaintance) it fell to persuade her; and, after walking a quadrille with the elder Chenoweth, she waltzed with Tappingham. More extraordinary to relate, she danced down both her partner and the music. Thereupon did Mr. Bareaud, stung with envy, dare emulation and essay a schottische with Miss Trixie Chenoweth, performing marvelously well for many delectable turns before he unfortunately fell down. It was a night when a sculptured god would have danced on his pedestal: June, but not overwarm, balm in the air and rose leaves on the breeze; and even Minerva's great heels might have marked the time that orchestra kept. Be sure they waltzed again to "Those Endearing Young Charms:"

Oh, the heart that has truly loved never forgets,
But as truly loves on to the close,
As the sunflower turns on her god when he sets
The same look that she gave when he rose.

Three of the volunteers were resplendent in their regimentals—Mr. Marsh (who had been elected captain of the new company to succeed Vanrevel) and Will Cummings and Jean Madrillon, the lieutenants. This glory was confined to the officers, who had ordered their uniforms at home, for the privates and noncommissioned officers were to receive theirs at the state rendezvous. However, although this gala adornment was limited to the three gentlemen mentioned, their appearance added "an indescribable air of splendor and pathos to the occasion," to quote Mr. Cummings once more. A fourth citizen of the town who might have seized upon this opportunity to display himself as a soldier neglected to take advantage of it and stole in quietly toward the last in his ordinary attire, leaving his major's uniform folded on a chair in his own room. The flag was to be presented to the volunteers at the close of the evening, and Tom came for that—so he claimed to his accusing soul.

He entered unobserved and made his way, keeping close to the wall, to where Mrs. Bareaud sat, taking a chair at her side, but Robert Carewe, glancing thither by chance, saw him and changed countenance for an instant. Mr. Carewe composed his features swiftly, excused himself with elaborate courtesy from Miss Chenoweth, with whom he was talking, and crossed the room to a corner near his enemy. Presently, as the music ceased, the volunteers were bidden to come forward, whereupon Tom left Mrs. Bareaud and began to work his way down the room. Groups were forming and breaking up in the general movement of the crowd, and the dissolving of one brought him face to face with Elizabeth Carewe, who was moving slowly in the opposite direction, a small flock of suitors in her train.

The confrontation came so suddenly and so unexpectedly that before either was aware they looked squarely into each other's eyes full and straight, and both stopped instantly, as though transfixed, Miss Betty leaving a sentence forever half complete. There was a fierce, short vocal sound from the crowd behind Vanrevel, but no one noticed Mr. Carewe, and then Tom bowed gravely, as in apology for blocking the way, and passed on.

Miss Betty began to talk again, much at random, with a vivacity too greatly exaggerated to be genuine, while the high color went from her cheeks and left her pale. Nothing could have enraged her more with herself than the consciousness, now suddenly strong within her, that the encounter had a perceptible effect upon her. What power had this man to make her manner strained and mechanical? What right had his eyes always to stir her as they did?

Ah, that other should have come, if only to stand between her and this tall hypocrite whose dark glance had such strength to disturb her. What lies that gaze contained, all in the one flash—the strange pretense of comprehending her gently, but completely—a sad compassion, too, and with it a look of farewell, seeming to say, "Once more I have come for this—and just 'Goodby!'" For she knew that he was going with the others, going perhaps forever, only the day after tomorrow—then she would see him no more and be free of him. Let the day after tomorrow come soon! Miss Betty hated herself for understanding the adieu, and hated herself more because she could not be sure that, in the startled moment of meeting before she collected herself, she had let it go unanswered.

She had done more than that. Without knowing it, she had bent her head to his bow, and Mr. Carewe had seen both the salutation and the look.

The young men were gathered near the orchestra, and, to the hilarious strains of "Yankee Doodle," the flag they were to receive for their regiment was borne down the room by the sisters and sweethearts who had made it, all of whom were there except Fanchon Bareaud. Crailey had persuaded her to surrender the flag for the sake of spending this evening, next to his last in Rouen, at home alone with him.

The elder Chenoweth made the speech of presentation—that is, he made part of it before he broke down, for his son stood in the ranks of the devoted band. Until this incident occurred all had gone trippingly, for every one had tried to put the day after tomorrow from his mind. Perhaps there might not have been so many tears even now if the young men had not stood together so smilingly to receive their gift. It was seeing them so gay and confident, so strong in their youth and so unselfish of purpose. It was this and the feeling that all of them must suffer and some of them die before they came back, so that when Mr. Chenoweth, choking in his loftiest flight, came to a full stop, and without disguise buried his face in his handkerchief, Mrs. Tanberry, the apostle of gayety, openly sobbed. Chenoweth, without more ado, carried the flag over to Tappingham Marsh, whom Vanrevel directed to receive it, and Tappingham thanked the donors without many words, because there were not then many at his command.

Miss Carewe had been chosen to sing "The Star Spangled Banner," and she stepped out a little from the crowd to face the young man as the orchestra sounded the first chord. She sang in a full, clear voice, but when the volunteers saw that as she sang the tears were streaming down her cheeks in spite of the brave voice they began to choke with the others. If Miss Betty Carewe found them worth weeping for, they could afford to cry a little for themselves. Yet they joined the chorus nobly and raised the roof with the ringing song, sending the flamboyant, proud old words thunderously to heaven.

That was not the last song of the night. General Trumble and Mr. Chenoweth had invited their young friends to attend, after the ball, a collation which they chose to call a supper, but which, to accord with the hour, might more aptly have been designated a breakfast. To afford a private retreat for the scene of this celebration they had borrowed the offices of Gray & Vanrevel, and Crailey hospitably announced that any guest was welcome to stay for a year or two, since probably neither of the firm would have need of an office for at least that length of time. Nine men gathered about the table which replaced Tom's workaday old desk—the two Chenoweths, Eugene Madrillon, Marsh, Jefferson Bareaud, the stout general, Tom Vanrevel, Crailey and Will Cummings—the editor coming in a little late, but rubbing his hands cheerfully over what he declared was to be the last column from his pen to rear its length on the Journal's front page for many a long day—a description of the presentation of the flag.

This convivial party made merry and tried to forget that most of them had "been mighty teary," as Marsh said, an hour earlier, while Mr. Chenoweth sat with his hand on his son's shoulder, unconsciously most of the time, apologetically removing it when he observed it. Many were the witticisms concerning the difference in rank henceforth to be observed between the young men, as Tom was now a major, Marsh a captain, Will Cummings a second lieutenant and the rest mere privates, except Crailey, who was a corporal. Nevertheless, though the board was festive, it was somewhat subdued and absent until they came to the toasts.

It was Tappingham who proposed Miss Betty Carewe. "I know Tom Vanrevel will understand—nay, I know he's man enough to join us," said Marsh as he rose. "Why shouldn't I say that we may hail ourselves as patriots, indeed, since at the call of our country we depart from the town which is this lady's home and at the trumpet's sound resign the gracious blessing of seeing her day by day, and why shouldn't we admit loyally and openly that it is her image alone which shines in the hearts of most of us here?"

And no man arose to contradict that speech, which appears to have rung true, seeing that four of those present had proposed to her again that same evening.

"So I give you," cried Tappingham gallantly, "the health of Miss Betty Carewe, the loveliest rose of our bouquet: May she remember us when we come home!"

They rose and drank it with a shout. But Tom Vanrevel, not setting down his cup, went to the window and threw wide the shutters, letting in a ruddy shaft of the morning sun, so that as he stood in the strong glow he looked like a man carved out of red gold. He lifted his glass not toward the table and

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his companions while they stared at him, surprised, but toward the locusts of Carewe street.

"To Miss Betty Carewe," he said, "the finest flower of them all! May she remember those who never come home!"

And without pausing he lifted his rich baritone in an old song that had been vastly popular with the young men of Rouen ever since the night of Miss Betty's debut. They had hummed it as they went about their daily work, they had whistled it on the streets, they had drifted into dreams at night with the sound of it still chiming in their ears, and now with one accord as they stood gathered together for the last time in Rouen they joined Tom Vanrevel and sang it again. And the eyes of Crailey Gray rested very gently upon his best friend as they sang:

"Believe me, if all those endearing young charms,
Which I gaze on so fondly today,
Were to change by tomorrow and fleet from my arms
Like fairy gifts fading away,
Thou wouldst still be adored as this moment thou art,
Let thy loveliness fade as it will,
And around the dear ruin each wish of my heart
Would intwine itself verdantly still."

CHAPTER XVII.

It was the misfortune of Mr. Cummings' final literary offering to annoy one of the editor's friends. The Journal was brought to the new corporal at noon, while he was considering whether he should rise from his couch or sleep another hour. Reclining among his pillows, he glanced through Cummings' description with the subdued giggle he always had for the good William's style, but as his eye fell upon one paragraph he started, sat upright and proceeded to read the passage several times with anxious attention:

"Only two or three sources of regret occurred to mar the delight (in which young and old participated) of that festal and dazzling scene. One was the absence of Miss Fanchon Bareaud, one of the donors; another, that of Corporal Gray; a third was the excessive modesty of Major Vanrevel, who, although present at the time, refused to receive the ladies' sumptuous offering and insisted that Captain Marsh was the proper person to do the honors, to which the latter reluctantly, though gracefully, consented. Also, we were sorry that the major appeared in citizen's dress, as all were anxious to witness him in his uniform. However, in our humble judgment he will be compelled by etiquette to don it this afternoon to receive the officers of the regular army, who will arrive by the stage about 5 o'clock, it is expected, to inspect the company and swear them into the service of the federal government at the courthouse. We, for one, have little doubt that, owing to the major's well known talent in matters of apparel, his appearance will far eclipse in brilliancy that of his fellow officers."

Crailey dressed slowly, returning to the paper now and then with a perturbed countenance. How would Miss Betty explain this paragraph to herself, and how account for the fact that she had not seen Crailey, how for the fact that she had seen Tom? It seemed unlikely that she could have overlooked the latter—Tom was one of those whom everybody saw wherever he went. And what inquiries would she make? For Crailey had no means of knowing that she would not see the Journal. Tomorrow he would be gone—it would all be over—but he wanted this last day to run smoothly. What wild hopes he had of things that should happen when they all came marching home no one can say; even if it were not to be doubted that Crailey ever entertained hopes of any kind whatever, since to hope is to bestow thought upon the future.

But, however affairs ran with him so far as hope was concerned, he seldom lacked an idea, and one came to him presently, a notion that put the frown to rout and brought the old smile to his lips, his smile of the world-worn and tolerant prelate. He flicked the paper lightly from him, and it sped across the room like a big bird in awkward flight. For he knew how to preserve his last day as he wished and to make all smooth.

He finished his toilet with particular care, took a flower from a vase on his table, placed it in his coat and went down to the dusty street, where everything was warm and bright with summer. It was joy to be alive; there was wine enough in the air, and Crailey made up his mind not to take a drink that day—the last day! The last day! The three words kept ringing through his head like a minor phrase from a song. Tomorrow at noon they would be churning down the river, and this was the last day—the last day!

"Still not too late to make another friend at home," he said, stopping to pat the head of a mangy street cur that came crouching and wabbling toward him like a staveless little keg worried by scurries of wind. Dogs and children always fell in love with Crailey at first sight, and he never failed to receive them in the spirit of their approach. Now the mongrel, at his touch, immediately turned himself over and lay upon the pavement with all paws in air, to say: "Great lord, magnificent in the graciousness which deigns to cast a glimpse upon this abject cluster of ribs, I perceive that your heart is too gentle to kick me in my present helplessness. Yet do with me as you will."

"I doubt if you've breakfasted, brother," Crailey responded aloud, rubbing the dog's head softly with the tip of his boot. "Will you share the meager fare of one who is a poet, should be a lawyer, but is about to become a soldier? Eh, but a corporal! Rise, my friend. Up and be in your own small self a whole corporal's guard! And if your corporal doesn't come home from the wars, perhaps you'll remember him kindly. Think?"

He made a vivacious gesture, the small animal sprang into the air, convoluted with gratitude and new love, while Crailey, laughing softly, led the way to the hotel. There, while he ate sparsely himself, he provided munificently for his new acquaintance and recommended him, with an accompaniment of silver, to the good offices of the Rouen House kitchen. After that out into the sunshine again he went with elastic step and a merry word and a laugh for every one he met. At the old English gardener's he bought four or five bouquets and carried them on a round of visits of farewell to as many old ladies who had been kind to him. This done, leaving his laughter and his flowers behind him, he went to Fanchon and spent part of the afternoon bringing forth cunning arguments cheerily to prove to her that General Taylor would be in the Mexican capital before the volunteers reached New Orleans and urging upon her his belief that they would all be back in Rouen before the summer was gone.

But Fanchon could only sob and whisper, "Hush, hush!" in the dim room where they sat, the windows darkened so that after he had gone he should not remember how red her eyes were and the purple depths under them and thus forget how pretty she had been at her best. After a time, finding that the more he tried to cheer her the more brokenly she wept, he grew silent, only stroking her head, while the summer sounds came in through the window, the mill whir of locusts, the small monotone of distant farm bells, the laughter of children in the street and the gay arias of a mocking bird swinging in the open window of the next house. So they sat together through the long, still afternoon of the last day.

No one in Rouen found that afternoon particularly enlivening. Even Mrs. Tanberry gave way to the common depression, and, once more her doctrine of cheerfulness relegated to the ghostly ranks of the purely theoretical, she bowed under the burden of her woe so far as to sing "Methought I Met a Damsel Fair" (her of the bursting sighs) at the piano. Whenever sadness lay upon her soul she had acquired the habit of resorting to this unhappy ballad; today she sang it four times. Mr. Carewe was not at home and had announced that, though he intended to honor the evening meal by his attendance, he should be away for the evening itself, as comment upon which statement Mrs. Tanberry had offered ambiguously the one word, "Amen." He was stung to no reply, and she had noted the circumstance as unusual and also that he had appeared to labor with the suppression of a keen excitement which made him anxious to escape from her sharp little eyes; an agitation for which she easily accounted when she recalled that he had seen Vanrevel on the previous evening. Mr. Carewe had kept his promise to preserve the peace, as he always kept it when the two met on neutral ground, but she had observed that his face showed a kind of hard leashed violence whenever he had been forced to breathe the air of the same room with his enemy, and that the thing grew on him.

Miss Betty exhibited not precisely a burning interest in the adventure of the damsel fair, wandering out of the room during the second rendition, wandering back again and once more away. She had moved about the house in this fashion since early morning, wearing what Mamie described as a "peaked look." White faced and restless, with distressed eyes, to which no sleep had come in the night, she could not read. She could no more than touch her harp. She could not sleep. She could not remain quiet for three minutes together. Often she sank into a chair with an air of languor and weariness, only to start immediately out of it and seek some other part of the house or to go and pace the garden. Here in the air heavy with roses and tremulous with June as she walked rapidly up and down late in the afternoon, at the time when the faraway farm bells were calling men from the fields to supper, the climax of her restlessness came. That anguish and desperation, so old in her sex, the rebellion against the law that inaction must be her part, had fallen upon her for the first time. She came to an abrupt stop and struck her hands together despairingly and spoke aloud.

"What shall I do? What shall I do?"

"Ma'am?" asked a surprised voice just behind her.

She wheeled quickly about to behold a shock headed urchin of ten in the path near the little clearing. He was ragged, tanned, dusty, neither shoes nor coat trammeling his independence, and he had evidently entered the garden through the gap in the hedge.

"I thought you spoke to me," he said inquiringly.

"I didn't see you," she returned. "What is it?"

"You Miss Carewe?" he asked, but before she could answer he said reassuringly: "Why, of course you are! I remember you perfect, now I git the light on you, so to speak. Don't you remember me?"

"No, I don't think I do."

"Lord!" he responded wonderingly. "I was one of the boys with you on them boxes the night of you pa's fire!" Mingled with the surprise in his tone was a respectful unction which intimated how greatly he honored her father for having been the owner of so satisfactory a conflagration.

"Were you? Perhaps I'll remember you if you give me time."

But at this point the youth recalled the fact that he had an errand to discharge, and, assuming an expression of businesslike haste too pressing to permit further parley, sought in his pocket and produced a sealed envelope with which he advanced upon her.

"Here. There's an answer. He told me not to tell anybody who sent it, and not to give it to nobody on earth but you, and how to slip in through the hedge and try and find you in the garden when nobody was lookin', and he give a pencil for you to answer on the back of it, and a dollar."

Miss Betty took the note, glancing once over her shoulder at the house, but Mrs. Tanberry was still occupied with the maiden, and no one was in sight. She read the message hastily:

I have obeyed you and shall always. You have not sent for me. Perhaps that was because there was no time when you thought it safe. Perhaps you have still felt there would be a loss of dignity. Does that weigh with you against goodby? Tell me, if you can, that you have it in your heart to let me go without seeing you once more—without goodby—for the last time. Or was it untrue that you wrote me what you did? Was that dear letter but a little fairy dream of mine? Ah, will you see me again, this once—this once—let me look at you, let me talk with you, hear your voice? The last time!

There was no signature.

Miss Betty quickly wrote a few lines upon the same sheet:

Yes—yes! I must see you—must talk with you before you go. Come at dusk. The garden—near the gap in the hedge. It will be safe for a little while. He will not be here.

She replaced the paper in its envelope, drew a line through her own

Carewe seized the missive.

name on the letter and wrote "Mr. Vanrevel" underneath.

"Do you know the gentleman who sent you?" she asked.

"No'm; but he'll be waitin' at his office, Gray & Vanrevel, on Main street, for the answer."

"Then hurry!" said Betty.

He needed no second bidding, but, with wings on his bare heels, made off through the gap in the hedge. At the corner of the street he encountered an adventure—a gentleman's legs and a heavy hand at the same time. The hand fell on his shoulder, arresting his scamper with a vicious jerk, and the boy was too awed to attempt an escape, for he knew his captor well by sight, although never before had he found himself so directly in the company of Rouen's richest citizen. The note dropped from the small trembling fingers, yet those fingers did not shake as did the man's when, like a flash, Carewe seized upon the missive with his disengaged hand and saw what two names were on the envelope.

"You were stealing, were you?" he cried savagely. "I saw you sneak through my hedge!"

"I didn't nither!"

Mr. Carewe ground his teeth. "What were you doing there?"

"Nothing!"

"Nothing!" mocked Carewe. "Nothing! You didn't carry this to the young lady in there and get her answer?"

"No, sir!" answered the captive earnestly. "Cross my heart I didn't. I found it!"

Slowly the corrugations of anger were leveled from the magnate's face, the white heat cooled, and the prisoner marveled to find himself in the presence of an urbane gentleman whose placidity made the scene of a moment ago appear some trick of distorted vision. And yet, behold, Mr. Carewe's fingers [illegible] even more violently than before as he released the boy's shoulder and gave him a friendly tap on the head, at the same time smiling benevolently.

"There, there," he said, bestowing a wink upon the youngster. "It's all right. It doesn't matter; only I think I see the chance of a jest in this. You wait while I read this little note, this message that you found!" He ended by winking again with the friendliest drollery.

He turned his back to the boy and opened the note, continuing to stand in that position while he read the two messages. It struck the messenger that after this there need be no great shame in his own lack of this much vaunted art of reading, since it took so famous a man as Mr. Carewe such length of time to peruse a little note. But perhaps the great gentleman was ill, for it appeared to the boy that he lurched several times, once so far that he would have gone over if he had not saved himself by a lucky stagger. And once, except for the fact that the face that had turned away had worn an expression of such genial humor, the boy would have believed that from it issued a sound like the gnashing of teeth.

But when it was turned to him again it bore the same amiable jocosity of mouth and eye, and nothing seemed to be the matter, except that those fingers still shook so wildly—too wildly, indeed—to restore the note to its envelope.

"There," said Mr. Carewe, "put it back, laddie; put it back yourself. Take it to the gentleman who sent you. I see he's even disguised his hand a trifle—ha, ha!—and I suppose he may not have expected the young lady to write his name quite so boldly on the envelope! What do you suppose?"

"I d'know," returned the boy. "I reckon I don't hardly understand."

"No, of course not," said Mr. Carewe, laughing rather madly. "Ha, ha, ha! Of course you wouldn't. And how much did he give you?"

"Yay!" cried the other joyously. "Didn't he go and hand me a dollar!"

"How much will you take not to tell him that I stopped you and read it? How much not to speak of me at all?"

"What?"

"It's a foolish kind of joke, nothing more. I'll give you $5 never to tell any one that you saw me today."

"Don't shoot, colonel!" exclaimed the youth, with a riotous fling of bare feet in the air. "I'll come down!"

"You'll do it?"

"Five!" he shouted, dancing upon the boards. "Five! I'll cross my heart to die I never hear tell of you or ever knew they was sich a man in the world!"

Carewe bent over him. "No! Say, 'God strike me dead and condemn me eternally to the everlasting flames of hell if I ever tell!'"

This entailed quick sobriety, though only benevolence was in the face above him. The jig step stopped, and the boy pondered, frightened.

"Have I got to say that?"

Mr. Carewe produced a bank bill about which the boy beheld a halo. Clearly this was his day. Heaven showed its approval of his conduct by an outpouring of imperishable riches. And yet the oath misliked him. There was a savor of the demoniacal contract. Still that was to be borne and the plunge taken, for there fluttered the huge sum before his dazzled eyes. He took a deep breath. "'God strike me dead,'" he began slowly, "'if I ever'"—

"No. 'And condemn me to the everlasting flames of hell'"—

"Have I got to?"

"Yes."

"'And condemn me to—to the everlasting flames of—of hell if I ever tell!'"

He ran off, pale with the fear that he might grow up, take to drink and some day tell in his cups, but so resolved not to coquet with temptation that he went round a block to avoid the door of the Rouen House bar. Nevertheless the note was in his hand and the fortune in his pocket.

And Mr. Carewe was safe. He knew that the boy would never tell, and he knew another thing, for he had read the Journal, though it came no more to his house—he knew that Tom Vanrevel wore his uniform that evening and that, even in the dusk, the brass buttons on an officer's breast make a good mark for a gun steadied along the ledge of a window. As he entered the gates and went toward the house he glanced up at the window which overlooked his garden from the cupola.

(CONTINUED NEXT SUNDAY.)

—Representative Hall, of Iowa, chairman of the committee in military affairs, says that the Spanish war had resulted in the creation of more lieutenant generals—none having been created between George Washington and U. S. Grant—than all the other wars in which the United States had been engaged. True, but it pleases them and doesn't hurt us very much."—New York Evening Telegram.

STATEMENT.

U. S. BRANCH, NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

(Condition December 31st, 1905, as shown by Statement Filed.)

Statutory deposit	200,000.00
Amount Ledger Assets Dec. 31st previous year	4,043,922.69
Income—From Policyholders, $2,437,446.65; Miscellaneous, $125,792.49; Total	2,563,240.17
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $1,165,980.51; Miscellaneous, $1,576,798.14; Total	2,742,778.65
Fire Risks—Written or renewed during year, $328,474,231.00; In force	382,877,363.60

ASSETS.

Value of Real Estate	165,000.00
Book Value of Bonds and Stocks	3,118,541.56
Cash in Home Office and deposited in Banks	170,296.99
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1905	291,117.27
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1905	38,725.78
Interest and Rents due accrued	8,674.72
All other Assets, detailed in statement	30,702.50
Total	$ 3,923,058.93
Less Assets, not admitted	108,087.35
Total admitted Assets	$ 3,814,971.58

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$ 207,958.68
Unearned Premiums	2,194,322.36
All other Liabilities as detailed in statement	29,431.45
Total Liabilities as to Policy-holders	$ 2,442,212.49
Capital deposits	200,000.00
Surplus	1,172,759.09
Total Liabilities	$ 3,814,971.58

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1905.

Fire Risks written, $2,180,902.00; premiums received	$ 17,862.55
Losses incurred — Fire, $8,006.64; Paid	7,695.17
Losses now unpaid	769.13

U. S. Manager—George W. Babb. Head Office in U. S.—38 Pine Street, New York City.

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State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, February 23, 1906.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Northern Assurance Company, of London, England, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1905.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG,
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Agricultural World

In the Hartsville (S. C.) Messenger recently Mr. E. McIver Williamson, of Darlington county, gives to the public a most valuable paper on corn culture. In view of the fact that the Southern Cotton Association at the last meeting held in New Orleans adopted resolutions of vital importance to the Southern farmers among the most important of which was that urging the farmers to diversify their crops and to plant corn and other grain crops sufficient at least for home consumption. This article on the subject of corn culture by Mr. Williamson is all the more important and interesting. Mr. Williamson says:

For a number of years after I began to farm I followed the old time method of putting the fertilizer all under the corn, planting on a level or higher, six by three feet, pushing the plant from the start and making a big stalk, but the ears were few and frequently small. I planted much corn in the Spring and bought much more corn the next Spring, until finally I was driven to the conclusion that corn could not be made on uplands in this section certainly not by the old method except at a loss.

I did not give up however, for I knew that the farmer who did not make his own corn never had succeeded and never would, so I began to experiment. First, I planted lower, and the yield was better, but the stalk was still too large, so I discontinued altogether the application of fertilizer before planting, and knowing that all crops should be fertilized at some time used mixed fertilizer as a side application and applied the more soluble nitrate of soda later, be guided in this by the excellent results obtained from its use as a top dressing for oats. Still the yield though regular, was not large, and the smallness of the stalk itself now suggested that they should be planted thicker in the drill. This was done the next year with results so satisfactory that I continued from year to year to increase the number of stalks and fertilizer, with which to sustain them, also to apply nitrate of soda at last plowing, and to lay by early sowing peas broadcast. This method steadily increased the yield until year before last, (1904) which corn eleven inches apart in six foot rows and $11 worth of fertilizer to the acre I made 83 bushels averaging to the acre, several of my best acres making as much as 125 bushels.

Last year (1905), I followed the same method, planting the first week in April, 70 acres which had produced the year before 1,000 pounds seed cotton per acre. The land sandy upland, somewhat rolling. Seasons very unfavorably, owing to the tremendous rains in May and the dry and extremly hot weather later on. From June 12th to July 12th, the time when it most needed moisture there was 5.8 of an inch of rainfall here; yet with $7.01, cost of fertilizer, my yield was 52 bushels per acre. Rows were six feet and corn sixteen inches in drill.

With this method, on land that will ordinarily produce 1,000 lbs. of seed cotton with 800 pounds of fertilizer, 50 bushels of corn should be made by using 200 pounds of cotton seed meal, 200 pounds of acid phosphate, and 400 pounds of Kainit mixed or their equivalent in other fertilizer, and 125 pounds of nitrate of soda, all to be used as side application as directed below.

On land that will make a bale and one half of cotton per acre when fertilized, a hundred bushels of corn should be produced by doubling the amount of fertilizer above, except that 800 pounds of nitrate of soda should be used.

In each case there should be left on the land in corn stalks, peas, vines and roots from $12 to $16 worth of fertilizing material per acre, besides the great benefit to the land from so large amount of vegetable matter. The place of this in the permanent improvement of land can never be taken for commercial fertilizer, for it is absolutely impossible to make lands rich as long as they are lacking in vegetable matter.

Land should be thoroughly and deeply broken for corn, and this is the time in a system of rotation to deepen the soil. Cotton requires a more compact soil than corn, and while a deep soil is essential to its best development, it will not produce as well on loose open land, while corn does best on land thoroughly broken. A deep soil will not only produce more heavily than a shallow soil with good seasons, but it will stand more wet as well as more dry weather.

In preparing for the corn crop, land should be broken broadest during the Winter one-fourth deeper than it has been plowed before, or if much vegetable matter is being turned under, it may be broken one-third deeper. This is as much deepening as land will usually stand in one year and produce well, though it may be continued each year, so long as much dead vegetable matter is being turned under. It may, however, be sub-soiled to any depth by following in bottom of turn plow furrow, provided no more of the sub-soil than has been directed, is turned up. Break with two horse plow if possible, or better with disc plow. With the latter, cotton stalk or corn stalk as large as we ever make, can be turned under without having been chopped, and in pea-vines it will not chop or drag.

Never plow land when it is wet, if you ever expect to have any use for it again.

Bed with turn plow in six foot rows, leaving five inch balk. When ready to plant, break this out with scooter, following in bottom of this furrow with Dixie plow, wing taken off. Ridge then on this furrow with same plow going deeper. Run corn planter on this ridge, dropping one grain every five or six inches. Plant early, as soon as frost danger is past, say first seasonable spell after March 15th, in this section. Especially is early planting necessary on very rich lands where stalks cannot otherwise be prevented from growing too large. Give first working with harrow or any plow that will not cover the plant. For second working, use ten or twelve inch sweep on both sides of corn, which should now be about eight inches high. Thin after this working. It is not necessary that the plants should be left the same distance apart, if the right number remain to each yard of row.

Corn should not be worked again until the growth has been so retarded and the stalk so hardened that it will never grow too large. This is the most difficult point in the whole process. Experience and judgment are required to know just how much the stalk should be stunted, and plenty of nerve is required to hold back your corn when your neighbors who fertilized at planting time and cultivated rapidly, have corn twice the size of yours. (They are having their fun now. Yours will come at harvest time). The richer the land the more necessary it is that stunting process should be throughly done.

When you are convinced that your corn has been sufficiently humiliated you may begin to make the ear. It should be from twelve to eighteen inches high, and look worse than you have ever had any corn look before.

Put half your mixed fertilizers, (this being the first used at all) in the old sweep furrow on both sides of every other middle and cover by breaking out this middle with turn plow. About one week later treat the other middle the same way. Within a few days side corn in first middle with sixteen inch sweep. Put all your nitrate of soda in this furrow, if less than 150 pounds. If more use one-half of it now. Cover with one furrow of turn plow, then sow peas in this middle broadcast at the rate of at least one bushel to the acre and finish breaking out.

In a few days side corn in other middle with same sweep, put balance of nitrate of soda in this furrow if it has been divided, cover with turn plow sow peas, and break out. This lays by your crop with a good bed and plenty of dirt around your stalk. This should be from June 10th to 20th, unless season is very late, and corn should be hardly bunching for tassel.

Lay by early. More corn is ruined by late plowing than by lack of plowing. This is when the ear is hurt. The good rains after laying by should make you a good crop of corn, and it will certainly make with much less rain than if pushed and fertilized in the old way.

The stalks thus raised are very small, and do not require anything like the moisture even in proportion to size, that is necessary for larger sappy stalks. This may, therefore, be left much thicker in the row. This is no new process. It has long been a custom to cut back vines and trees in order to increase the yield and quality of fruit, and so long as you do not hold back your corn, it will go, like mine so long went, all to stalk.

Do not be discouraged by the looks of your cotton during the process of cultivation. It will yield out of all proportion to its appearance. Large stalks cannot make large yields, except with extreme favorable seasons, for they cannot stand a lack of moisture. Early applications of manure go to make large stalks, which you do not want, and the plant food is all thus used up before the ear, which you do want, is made. Tall stalks, not only will not produce well themselves, but will not allow you to make the peavines, so necessary to the improvement of land. Corn raised by this method should never grow over 7 1-2 feet high, and the ear should be near to the ground.

I consider the final application of nitrate of soda an essential point in this ear making process. It should always be applied at last plowing and unmixed with other fertilizers.

I am satisfied with one ear to the stalk unless a prolific variety is planted, and leave a hundred stalks for every bushel that I expect to make I find the six foot row easiest to cultivate without injuring the corn. For fifty bushels to the acre, I leave it sixteen inches apart; for seventy five bushels to the acre, 12 inches apart, and for one hundred bushels eight inches apart. Corn should be planted from four to six inches below the level, and laid by four to six inches above. No hoeing should be necessary, and middles may be kept clean until time to break out, by using harrow or by running one shovel furrow in center of midle and bedding on that, with one or more rounds of turn plow.

I would advise only a few acres tried by this method the first year, or until you are familiar with its application. Especially is it hard, at first, to fully carry out the stunting process where a whole crop is involved, and this is the absolutely essential part of the process.

This method I have applied or seen applied, successfully, to all kinds of land in this section except wet lands and moist bottoms, and I am confident it can be made of great benefit, throughout the entire South.

In the middle West, where corn is so prolific and profitable, and where, unfortunately for us, so much of ours has been produced, the stalk does not naturally grow large. As we come South its size increases, at the expense of the ear, until in Cuba and Mexico it is nearly all stalk (witness Mexican varieties).

The purpose of this method is to eliminate this tendency of corn to overgrowth at the expense of yield, in this Southern climate.

By this method I have made my corn crop, and my neighbors and friends who have, without exception, derived great benefit therefrom.

Plant your own seed. I would not advise a change of seed and method the same year, as you will not know from which you have derived the benefit. I have used three varieties, all have done well. I have never used this method of late planting. In fact, I do not advise the late planting of corn, unless it be necessary for cold lowlands.

The increased cost of labor and the high price of all material and land, are rapidly making farming unprofitable, except to those who are getting from one acre, what they formerly got from two. We must make our lands richer by plowing deep, planting peas and other legumes, manuring them with acid phosphate and potash, which are relatively cheap, and returning to the soil the resultant vegetable matter rich in humus and expensive nitrogen. The needs of our soils are such that the South can never reap the full measure of propriety that should be hers, until this is done.

I give this method as a farmer to the farmers of the South, trusting that thereby they may be benefitted as I have been.

E. McIVER WILLIAMSON.

—A special from Toledo, Ohio. says: Elwood Pfeifer, of Chadbourn, N. C., was arrested by Sheriff J. L. Shinabarger, of Wannon, Fulton county, as he stepped from a Chesapeake and Ohio train, at the union station in Cincinnati, on the charge of arson, committed twenty-three years ago, at Fayette, Fulton county, Ohio, where he formerly resided. Mr. Pfeifer was a well known business man of Fayette and when arrested by Sheriff Shinabarger, he was on his way to Kentland, Ind., to participate in the settlement of the estate of his aunt. Pfeifer has a wife and eight children at his home at Chadbourn, N. C., who know nothing of his arrest. The knowledge that his arrest for an old crime will prove an awful shock to his innocent wife and family, has affected him more than anything else. Friday Sheriff Shinabarger got a tip that Pfeifer would be in Cincinnati Saturday morning only long enough to go from one train to another. Pfeifer is fifty-two years of age. The fire which he is charged with being implicated in occurred at Fayette, September 4, 1883. It is alleged by the State that he hired Jack Page and other members of the firebug gang to burn his store. The motive was to defrud the Miami Insurance Company out of $800. It is said that Pfeifer will make a plea of guilty when his case is brought up in the March term of the Common Pleas Court.

CARE OF CANARIES.

How to Select a Good Singer and Protect Its Health.

In selecting a bird choose one of the cross breeds, a pure canary with a strain of goldfinch or bullfinch stock, says a writer in the Ledger Monthly. These are characterized by the deep yellow of the plumage and black markings for the goldfinch or greenish tints for the bullfinch cross. These birds invariably possess splendid voices and robust constitutions, this last being a great consideration, as the unmixed canary has a remarkable aptitude for developing diseases.

Owing to the bird's strong susceptibility to cold the cage should never be hung in a draft or a stiff breeze; neither should it be allowed to remain uncovered in a lighted room at night, for a canary is nervous and excitable, like all musical temperaments, and his song will be permanently impaired, if not destroyed, by such artificial exhilaration.

With regard to his habits, he must be taught to control his appetite and to take his bath the first thing in the morning so as to give his mistress a chance to tidy up before the day is advanced. Never insist on his taking a bath. Instinct is stronger than opinion, and he can always be relied on to do what is best for his health. After he has finished his "tubbing" remove his bath; otherwise he will bedraggle his feathers until he resembles the famous Jackdaw of Reims after his excommunication.

Then clean the cage for the day, sprinkling the floor with a generous supply of gravel and sand mixed. Never mind what the bird fanciers tell you about the advantages of those little packages of gravel he will sell you for 5 cents apiece. The mixture of sand and gravel agrees with the bird and prevents sore feet. That can also be avoided by careful attention to the perches. Never use the sand gathered by the seashore, as the presence of salt will kill your pet.

How to Have Clear Windows.

The easiest and best way to clean windows is to have two chamois cloths. Dust the window panes, then partly wring out a chamois in cold or slightly warm clear water. Rub the window, wring out the other chamois well and go over the window again. Do not try to dry the windows.

How Coal May Be Saved.

When it is understood that the same amount of fuel is consumed in producing either gas or heat, it is readily seen why one person will use four times as much coal as another without producing any more heat, if as much. When feeding coal after the fire is made, only a small quantity should be fed at a time, and that spread evenly over the surface of the fire, for when fresh coal is added it for a time lowers the temperature of the firebox (just as pouring cold water into a pot of boiling water stops the boiling by lowering the temperature) until the added coal is heated up to the igniting point, when it first begins to burn and adds its heat to the mass. When but little coal is added, this lowering of the temperature will hardly be noticed, but add a large quantity and it can be plainly seen.

How to Whiten Red Hands.

Redness of the hands may be cured by patient treatment. Take an ounce of clear honey, an ounce of almond oil, the juice of a lemon and the yolk of a raw egg. Beat these ingredients together and apply the mixture to the hands at night, covering them with old gloves which have been slit across the back.

How to Clarify Sugar.

Break the sugar into a copper pan and to each pound allow two gills of water. Place on the stove and gradually allow it to boil. Carefully remove the scum as it rises, now throw in an additional half pint of water and allow it to boil again. Skim very thoroughly and strain through muslin.

How to Buy Meat.

A clear, cherry red distinguishes good beef. Press it with the finger, and if it rises quickly it is a sign of freshness. Should the dent remain or rise slowly the meat is inferior. Should the meat be slippery in surface or contain any greenish tints do not buy it at any price. Lamb and mutton ought to be a bright red and veal fine grained and pink in color, the fat-white and clear. The flesh of fat animals is more tender and juicy than that of lean ones, because the latter contains a greater amount of water in proportion to the fibrin, albumen and gelatin. The most expensive cuts are obtained from those parts of the animal where the muscles are but little used, and the meat is accordingly fine grained and tender.

How to Button Your Coat.

Most people start buttoning their coats from the top, which is the wrong way and must more or less pull the coat out of shape. The majority of women, too, don't know that a new coat should always be worn buttoned the first few times of wearing, so that the collar may "set" properly.

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FORECLOSURE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed made by John R. Turrentine, Jr. and wife, Annie H. Turrentine, to the Wilmington Homestead & Loan Associaion, on the 29th of August, 1905, and duly registered in Book 45, pages 164-166 of the Records of the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at Public Auction for cash, on

Monday, the 26th of March, 1906,

at the Court House door of New Hanover County, in Wilmington, at 12 o'clock M., the following described real estate in said City, beginning at a point in the Eastern line of Fifth Street 99 feet South of the Southern line of Walnut Street, thence East parailed with Walnut Street, 165 feet; thence South parallel with Fifth street, 33 feet; thence West parallel with Walnut streets, 165 feet to the Eastern line of Fifth street; thence North with said line 33 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot No. 2, Block 208.

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Wilmington Branch Office, 411 Southern Bldg, J. J. BAILES, Agency Director

STATEMENT.

ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.
(Condition December 31st, 1905, as shown by Statement Filed.)

Capital paid up in cash.	$ 500,000.00
Amount Ledger Assets Dec. 31st previous year	2,196,247.72
Income—From policy holders, $1,122,720.89; Miscellaneous, $71,292.87; Total	1,195,013.76
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $534,921.49; Miscellaneous, $499,400.56; Total	1,034,322.05
Fire Risks—Written or renewed during year, $133,808,125.00; in force	165,478,960.00
ASSETS.	
Book Value of Real Estate	134,867.55
Value of Bonds and Stock	1,703,106.85
Cash in Home Office and deposited in Banks,	372,416.95
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1905	176,351.47
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1905	11,754.83
Interest and Rents due and accrued	26,886.43
All other Assets, detailed in statement	3,349.86
Total	$ 2,428,733.94
Less Assets, not admitted	11,754.83
Total admitted Assets	$ 2,416,979.11
LIABILITIES.	
Losses and claims unpaid	$ 86,652.41
Unearned Premiums	996,152.09
All other Liabilities as detailed in statement	12,216.44
Total Liabilities as to Policy-holders.	$ 1,095,020.94
Capital paid up in cash.	500,000.00
Surplus	821,958.17
Total Liabilities	$ 2,416,979.11

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1905.

Fire Risks written, $859,486.00; premiums received $ 11,514.74
Losses incurred—Fire, $3,830.22; Paid 3,830.22
President—Archibald G. McIlwaine, Jr.
Secretary—James Wyper.
Home Office—20-22 Trinity Street, Hartford, Conn.
General Agent for service—J. VanB. Metts, Wilmington, N. C.
Business Manager for North Carolina—Managed from Home Office.

State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, February, 9th, 1906.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Orient Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1905.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

To The Beach.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE
In Effect, Jan. 25, 1906.
(Daily.)

Leave Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville
6.00 A. M.	6.30 A. M
	Leave Beach.
7.00 A. M.	8.15 A. M
10.00 A. M.	10.45 A. M.
11.30 A. M.	12.15 P. M.
1.30 P. M.	2.15 P. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.
6.00 P. M.	6.45 P. M.
7.30 P. M.	9.15 P. M.
Saturdays—Extra Cars.	
4.30 p. m.	5.45 p. m.
10.00 p. m.	5.15 p.m.
	10.45 p. m.

Sunday cars every half hour from 1:00 to 6:00 P. M.

Beginning Tuesday the 2:00 o'clock suburban car will leave the Beach on its return trip at 5:15 P. M., instead of at 4:45 P. M., thus giving one-half hour longer to enjoy the ocean breeze.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.
(Daily except Sunday.)

Freigh depot open from 2.30 to 3.30 P. M.
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2 Car Loads No. 2 Hay.
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500 TONS GUANO—ALL KINDS.

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We will sell on Saturday only, these well known brands of Cigars, 25 to the box—

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Happenings and Doings in Society

—BY G. N. H.—

(Continued From Third Page.)

young ladies, who were the center of attraction. Next a very large pie made of paper, on which was written Mother Goose's well remembered lines, "When the pie was open the birds began to sing," was opened and various small tin articles for kitchen use, neatly wrapped in paper and bearing some familiar quotation, or apropos inscription were exhibited, which afforded much merriment and gave a zest to the evening's pleasure. There were four tables of six handed euchre, the first prize, Gibson's noted picture, "His Move Next," going to Mrs. Thos. M. Green, and the "booby" to Mrs. Henry J. MacMillan. The first prize for the gentlemen, a pretty little stick pin, was won by Mr. Harry M. Crosswell, and the consolation prize, a bird kite, was awarded to Dr. Thos. M. Green. Very dainty and tempting refreshments were served and the guests departed with pleasant recollections of Miss Meares' tin shower.

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Mrs. Chas. W. Bidgood, who has been on a visit in Baltimore for the past week, returned to the city on Friday morning.

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Mrs. E. B. Pleasants and Miss Helen Pleasants were in Baltimore last week attending the marriage of a sister of Mrs. Pleasants.

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Mr. Thos. E. Myers, now of Savannah, Ga., is in the city on a visit to his mother. Mr. Myers' many friends were pleased to see him.

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Miss Rendelman, of Salisbury, N. C., who has been the attractive guest of her sister, Mrs. Jno. F. Ruffs, in this city, since the first of January, has returned to her home.

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Miss Leonora Cantwell entertained very informally a few friends at a small chafing dish party on Tuesday evening, at which Miss Cantwell's guests received much pleasure.

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Mis Nellie MacMillan, who has been on an extended and very pleasant visit to friends in New York and New Jersey returned Friday evening, very much to the delight of her large circle of friends.

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Mr. W. S. Register left last evening on the northbound train for a short visit. His friends are a little curious to know where he goes and why he goes so regularly.

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There is a little tinge of sadness over the three last engagements announced, as the brides-elect will become residents of other places much to the regret of their circle of acquaintances.

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Mr. Young entertained at a small dinner of twelve covers on the U. S S. Seminole on Friday evening. The ward-room dinners given by the officers of the Seminole are very pretty little entertainments and are always very much enjoyed by the guests.

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Mrs Andrew J. Gray, Jr., nee Miss Clara Springer, and her little son, John Springer Gray, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Springer, Mrs. Gray's parents, at The Orton. Mrs. Gray's friends are always pleased to welcome her to her old home.

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The only marriage which the Society Editor has heard of to take place this month, is that of Miss Kate S. Galloway and Mr. Chas. R. Yopp, which will be solemnized very quietly at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. Walter C. Galloway, on, Tuesday evening, 27th inst.

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Mr. Jno. E. Reinberg, of the U. S. R. M. service, is in the city and is the guest of Mrs. Reinberg's mother, Mrs. Frederick Fosgate, on South Fourth street Mr. Reinberg, who is now a Senior Lieutenant in the service, successfully passed an examination in Washington, D. C., which makes him eligible to a captaincy.

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There is much interest in musical circles over the likelihood of an engagement by the celebrated Damrosch and his peerless orchestra here in April. It is hoped that the votaries of music in Wilmington will manifest a sufficient interest in this opportunity to secure the engagement.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burgwyn, of Pittsburg Pa., are expected to arrive to-morrow and will be guests at the Colonial Inn. Mr Burgwyn has many friends and relatives in this city who will be pleased to welcome him. "The Hermitage," which was quite noted for the hospitalities of its owners, was the home of the Burgwyn family, in ante-bellum days.

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It was a very pretty little birthday party given last Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowden to their daughter, Miss Nellie at their comfortable home, 120 Red Cross street. It was the twelfth birthday of the sweet little hostess and her guests numbered twelve. The party was complete in detail and was very much enjoyed by the little misses and lads who were the recipients of Miss Bowden's hospitality.

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The latest announced engagement is that of Miss Mildred Davis to Lieutenant Robert Bradford Adams, of the United States Revenue Marine service. The announcement was received by friends with much pleasure on yesterday. Miss Davis is a very popular and charming young woman of this city and the groom-elect, who is now attached to the U. S. S. Seminole on this station, can lay claim to very many warm friends.

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The officers of the Cutter Seminole, their wives and a few other guests were entertained very pleasantly on Thursday by Mr. D. Reid Williams, at the Williams' Summer home, on Masonboro Sound. It was a congenial company; the weather was ideal and it was but natural that a most delightful day was spent in social conversation in which bright repartee added no little to the pleasures of the outing. A beautiful luncheon was served and an oyster roast was one of the features of the occasion.

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An after-Easter wedding of very much interest to a great many friends in this city as well as in North Carolina will be that of Miss Sallie May Quickel, an attractive young woman of Lincolnton, N. C., and Mrs. Carl B. Rehder, junior member of the firm of Messrs. J. H. Rehder & Co., and one of Wilmington's most popular young business men. The marriage will be solemnized in the Lutheran church at Lincolnton on the afternoon of Thursday, April 19th., the Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson, a college mate of the groom officiating, assisted by the bride's pastor in Lincolnton. Rev. Mr. Hanson is now travelling in Europe, but will be at home in time for the wedding. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Rehder will leave for a bridal trip north and will be at home in this city after May 1st.

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Buster Brown and Tige have come and gone and the hearts of many little tots have been made happier thereby. At the matinee yesterday afternoon there were four separate and distinct box parties given by little Misses Nan Beebe, Monimia MacRae, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Tenche Cox, and those of Mr. W. J. Craig. The little hosts and hostesses played their parts well and enjoyed Buster and Tige quite as much as their guests. For the box parties very cunning formal R. S. V. P. invitations, written on engraved visiting cards were sent which read

To see
Buster Brown
and Tige
Saturday afternoon
March 3rd, R. S. V. P.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—The Southern Bell Telephone Company has acquired the Statesville Telephone Company's franchise and system.

—In Washington on Friday the Democrats of the North Carolina delegation re-elected W. W. Kitchin a member of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, without instructing the North Carolina member of the committee.

—Tuesday, in Johnston county, Deputies Adams, Dowing and Merritt made a raid and cut up and burned two stills, one of them being about one mile south of Oak Forest Church. The second still was about one mile southwest of the same church.

—Republican State Chairman Rollins, of Asheville, on Friday received information that the postoffice at Buackburn, Catawba county has been abolished The official reason assigned for the abolishment of the office was the delivery of mail by rural carriers.

—Red Springs Citizen: Sanford is moving for a new county, and we wish her success in the movement. Upper Robeson would like to attach herself to something other than that to which she is attached, and a new county movement is likely to take hold of her too.

—Mr. Frederick Marshall, with offices in Washington, D. C., and Abbeville, S. C., has been chosen by the Fayetteville board of public works, of which Mr. H. R. Horne is chairman, engineer to lay the system of city sewerage, both in preliminary work and construction.

—The organization Republicans were made happy in Washington on Friday, when they learned that the President had notified the judiciary committee that he would no longer hold up the nomination of Claude Dockery to be marshal in the eastern district. The charges against Dockery having failed at the White House, there is reason to believe that his nomination will be confirmed.

—A knitting mill for Selma is now a certainty. The project has already been chartered with $25,000 capital. On Thursday the following officers and directors were lected: President, M. C. Winston; vice-president, C. N. Richardson; secretary-treasurer, S. I. Moore. Directors, A. V Driver, B. B. Adams, D. B. Oliver, D. H. Graves, L. R. Allred, W. B. Driver, R. M. Nowell, T. T Candler and W. A. Green The site has already been brought and the erection of the large brick buildings will begin at once.

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The remarkable recovery of Kenneth McIver, of Vanceboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the Throat and congestion of the Lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say, it saved my life." Cures the worst Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, Tonsilitis, Weak Lungs, Hoarseness and La Grippe. Guaranteed at all Druggists. 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free. **

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with that old enemy of the race, Constipation, often ends in appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble with Stomach, Liver and Bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs, without pain or discomfort. 25c. at all Druggists. **

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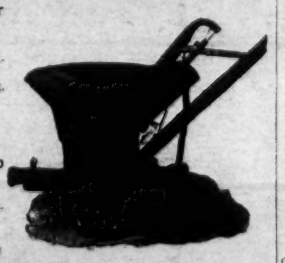

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Ar. Wilson	1 14 p m	10 26 p m
Ar. Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar. Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar. Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar. Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar. Richmond	8 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar. Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar. Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar. Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 22 a m
Ar. New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv. New York	9 35 a m	8 25 p m
Ar. Philadelphia	11 56 a m	12 01 a m
Ar. Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar. Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar. Norfolk	.....	8 40 a m
Lv. Richmond	7 25 p m	9 05 a m
Ar. Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar. Weldon	9 51 p m	11 44 a m
Ar. Rocky Mount	11 00 p m	1 10 p m
Ar. Wilson	11 32 p m	2 05 p m
Ar. Goldsboro	6 58 a m	2 10 p m
Ar. Wilmington	10 05 a m	6 00 p m

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Ar. Charleston	1 20 p m	11 40 p m	8 50 a m
Ar. Savannah	6 35 p m	2 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar. Jacksonville	.....	8 10 a m	5 45 p m
Ar. Tampa	.....	8 00 p m	10 00 p m

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	Daily	Daily
Lv. Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar. Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 30 p m
Ar. Savannah	12 55 p m	2 15 a m
Lv. Charleston	3 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar. Florence	7 35 p m	9 25 a m
Ar. Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

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FORESTRY CONGRESS MEETS IN CHARLOTTE

Numerous Speeches Urging Reserve in Appalachian Mountains—Addresses by Experts and Others.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Charlotte, N. C., March 3.—A number of representative citizens from various Southern States attended the meeting held here to-day in the interest of the establishment of a government reserve in the Appalachian mountains.

Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, presided, and made a short address. Other speeches were made by Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States; Alfred Akerman, State Forester, of Massachusetts; Alfred Gaskill, United States Forestery Department; Governor Terrell, of Georgia; F. H. Newell, chief hydrographer of the United States; A. T. Smythe, Charleston, S. C.; J. F. Hayes, Toxaway, N. C.; Dr. Gil Wylie, New York; Dr. G. A. Scheneck, chief forester of the Biltmore estate, Asheville; Prof. Joseph Hyde Pratt, University of North Carolina; G. C. Bathch, New York; W. S. Lee, Jr., Charlotte; Prof. Collier Cobb, University of North Carolina; J. Elwood Cox, High Point, N. C.; D. B. House, Professor of Botany, Clemson College, S. C. All urged the importance of preserving the Southern forests.

ROBESON UNIVERSITY LAND.

John Calvin McNair Tract—Exhibits of Trucking Interests.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 3.—The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, in session this afternoon, authorized the sale of the John Calvin McNair tract of land, in Robeson county, for $14,625, the sale being through A. W. McLean, of Lumberton. The proceeds are to be used for the establishment of a chair or system of lectures at the University to prove the agreement of science and the Bible.

T. K. Bruner, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, returned to-day from a trip through the eastern section of the State, gathering photographs and data relative to trucking and other agricultural interests. The data and photographs will be used in advertising the State for the attraction of immigrants, and in the event exhibits are sent to the circuit of New England fairs next Fall in accordance with plans of Governor Glenn, they will come in admirably for that purpose.

BUSCH-SCHARRER WEDDING.

Millionaire Brewer's Daughter, Marries German Officer.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Pasadena, Cal., March 3.—Miss Wilthemina Busch, daughter of Adolphus Busch, of St. Louis, and Lieut. Edward A. Scharrer, of Stuttgart, Germany, an officer of the German army, were married this afternoon at the Church of the Angels, just outside of the city. Rev. T. E. Runkle, rector of the church, performed the marriage ceremony according to the Episcopal service and Right Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, Bishop of Los Angeles, blessed the couple. This evening a reception was tendered Lieutenant and Mrs. Scharrer at the Winter home of the bride's parents in this city. About fifty friends of the family from St. Louis, Chicago, Washington, and New York were present.

MURDER TRIAL AT GAFFNEY.

Defense Could Not Confuse Miss Sheridan in Testimony.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Gaffney, S. C. March 3.—The trial of George Hasty for the murder of Actor Abbott Davison last December was marked at the morning session of court to-day by the close of testimony for the defense. The State introduced several witnesses in rebuttal, particularly to disprove the allegations of self-defense made by Hasty and his witnesses. Miss Sheridan, a member of the "Nothing But Money" company, of which Davison was also a member and to whom she was understood to have been engaged at the time of the killing, was brought again to the stand. She declared untrue the statement that Davison had a knife in his hand when he was attacked by Hasty. Every effort of the defendant's attorneys to discredit her testimony or to confuse her on the stand proved fruitless.

Argument was begun by attorneys his afternoon. Captain J. B. Bell spoke for the prosecution and M. K. Osborne for the defense. The case will be continued Monday when leading attorneys on both sides will be heard.

NEGRO'S VICTIM IS DEAD.

Militia Still on Duty at Springfield—All Quiet.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Springfield, O., March 3.—Mark M. Davis, the brakeman who was shot by a negro Wednesday night, died early today. It was the shooting of Davis that led to the riots in this city on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Edward Dean and Preston Ladd, both colored, are in jail at Dayton charged with shooting Davis.

It is believed that the mob spirit is effectually broken. No trouble is anticipated as the immediate result of the death of Mark Davis, though the militia will be kept on duty until Monday as a precautionary measure. It is expected that a special grand jury will be called next Monday to take up the case against the negro Dean. If this is done, Dean will not be given a preliminary hearing.

CONSPIRACY IN COLOMBIA.

Prominent Men Connected With Government Arested.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—The following dispatch dated at Bogota, Colombia, was received to-day at the State Department: "Another group of prominent men including Fernandez, former Secretary of War, and Ramirez, chief of police, have been arrested for conspiracy. The former has been exiled to Curacoa, and the latter has been tried by court martial. The would-be assassins of the President have not yet been apprehended. The police are patrolling the city armed with rifles. Most amicable relations exist between the American legation and the government."

Mr. and Mrs. N. Longworth passed through Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. They did not leave their car which was shifted from the Atlantic Coast Line to the Southern Railway and left within half an hour of the time of arrival.

PITIFUL SIGHT AT MERIDIAN

Awful Destruction By Tornado Which Swept City Friday at 6:27 O'clock

NINETEEN PEOPLE KILLED

Property Loss $1,000,000 With No Tornado Insurance—Brick Buildings Torn to Flinders—Gov. Vardaman Goes to Rescue.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Meridian, Miss., March 3.—Nineteen people are known to have been killed as a result of the tornado which swept over a section of this city shortly after 6 o'clock last evening. Twenty-four persons were injured and property with an estimated value of $1,000,000 was demolished or otherwise damaged. Many sensational reports were sent out from here of an appalling loss of life due possibly to the chaotic condition of affairs immediately following the visitation of the storm, but to-night after a careful canvass of the situation the following list of dead white persons appears to be complete: B. F. Elmira, restaurant proprietor; Patrick McGinnis, conductor on the Mobile and Ohio, killed at Elmira's restaurant; Cliff Edwards, flagman, on the Mobile and Ohio, killed at Elmira's restaurant; J. P. Tarry, policeman, killed in Thornton's transfer stables; W. B. Nelson, killed in Thornton's stables; Mrs. Ella Singleton and little grand-daughter, killed in East End; John P. Smith, engineer killed at Elmira's restaurant; Mr. Stewart and little son, and Mrs. Smith, of Cottondale; Claude Williams, bookkeper for the Meyers-Neville Hardware Company, found in debris. Seven negroes were killed and many injured.

Relief Organized.

A mass meeting of citizens of Meridian was called to-day and $8,000 was immediately subscribed to aid the destitute and injured. The Mississippi Legislature in session at Jackson to-day appropriated $5,000 to the relief fund. Governor Vardaman at noon secured a special train and loading it with convicts from the Rankin county farm, dispatched it at once to Meridian. The city now enjoys the unique spectacle of State convicts aiding in the rescue work.

Hunter George, president of the Board of Trade was made chairman of the general relief committee, and J. W. Donovan was elected secretary. Business is practically suspended and every citizen is giving his best effort toward alleviating the suffering of many poor people. The tornado which played such frightful havoc appeared in the southwest at 6:27 o'clock last evening. A low, funnel shaped cloud was seen to form near the city. A heavy down-pour of rain had been falling, when suddenly the humidity became intense. With a roar that could be heard a great distance, the storm approached from the southwest and descended upon the city.

Cotton Mill Wrecked.

The greatest loss of life is reported from the East End in what is known as the "Cotton Mill settlement. The large cotton mill there was practically wrecked and probably four hundred small houses were demolished or badly damaged. The tornado swept Front street and wrought great damage there. Many houses were demolished and others were partly damaged.

The Electric Light Plant was partially wrecked and to add to the terror of the situation the city was thrown into total darkness. Lanterns, candles and even coal oil lamps were used by the people in seeking places of safety. The tornado also did severe damage to Twenty-second avenue between Front and Railroad strets. Several houses on this avenue were partially wrecked. The work of the storm lasted for only a brief period, many people claiming that the entire destruction was wrought in the brief space of five minutes. Among the building destroyed or practically ruined were those of the Thomas Lyle Grocery Company, Elmira's restaurant, Meyer-Neville Hardware Company, Grand Avenue Hotel, Thornton's Transfer Company, Culpepper Hotel, New Orleans and Northeastern freight depot, Young Men's Christian Association building, Meridian Chair Company, the City Electric Light Plant, W. J. Woodside & Co., Pearce Compress Company, Gulf Compress Company, and innumerable smaller buildings used for homes by workmen and negroes. It is generally understood that there was but little if any tornado insurance carried, and the loss will therefore fall heavily upon the owners of the damaged property.

Governor's Train Arrives.

The city of Meridian was about the most pitiful looking sight any member of the Mississippi Legislature ever looked upon when a special train arrived from Jackson late this afternoon bearing forty Senators and Representatives, Governor Vardaman, the Attorney General, a railroad commissioner and a correspondent of the Associated Press. Word had reached Governor Vardaman during the morning that help of an immediate kind was needed in this place, and he immediately requested and received from the Legislature an appropriation of $5,000 to be used in case of an emergency. At the Rankin county farm, 37 convicts, a sergeant and guards were placed on board and they are now, including the members of the Legislature, at work among the debris.

Big Fertilizer Plant Destroyed.

The funnel shaped cloud appeared on the horizon east of the city yesterday afternoon at 6:27 o'clock and with lightning like rapidity descended upon the town. The first building of any consequence in its path was the Meridian Fertilizer Factory, an immense plant, which was totally wrecked, the strongest timbers being split to slivers. From there an almost easterly direction was taken by the storm and Fewel's Survey, in which more than a thousand white people reside, was next struck. There houses were unroofed and many were blown completely down. The Meridian Light and Railroad Company was next wrecked, the facilities for lighting the town were destroyed, and darkness reigned throughout the streets and in the bank building which the storm had marked for destruction. Within less time than words can tell the entire south side of Front street and the east and west sides of Twenty-second avenue from Railroad street was a mass of ruins. A conflagration started and the sight presented through the lurid flashes of the flames was indescribable.

The only damage done to the immense shops of the New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad, which were directly in the path of the storm, was the unroofing of the round-house, which was hurled about 100 feet distant. The freight depot was destroyed. The records, papers and everything contained in the building are lost, the first floor being blown away from under the second. The upper floor was crowded with clerks, but fortunately no one was on the first floor. None of the clerks was more than slightly hurt, and no lives were lost. A row of brick buildings along Twenty-sixth avenue from the freight depot of Fifth street, was wholly demolished. The two story brick building of Theodore Sturge was unroofed, and the Greenwald junk house and many smaller buildings from that corner to Fifth street were damaged, the fronts being in many places, blown through the buildings. The store occupied by Lyons & Co., was swept from its foundation and hurled across Twenty-fifth avenue and Second street.

Committed Suicide.

Meridian, Miss., March 3.—One of the sade tragedies of the cyclone was the suicide of Claud Williams, floor manager of the Meyer-Neville Hardware Company. Mr. Williams was at the centre of the first floor when the building collapsed. His cries for help were heard, but all efforts to reach him with futile. When he realized his doom he ended his suffering by slashing his throat with his pocket knife. His body was recovered at 7 o'clock this morning. Mr. Williams was 25 years of age, unmarried and only support of two sisters.

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE BRINGS MATTER TO ISSUE

Powers Generally Decide Against Germany's Contentions— Significant Visit of King Edward to France.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Algeciras, March 3.—The conference on Moroccan reforms took a most important step to-day by deciding on the initiative of Great Britain to proceed to the immediate discussion of the police question. After Sir Arthur Nicolson, chief of the British delegation, had submitted this proposition, the Marquis Viscounti Venosta, head of the Italian mission, actively seconded it, eloquently appealing for conciliation and asking for the abandonment of the absolute and unbending standpoints taken by France and Germany. His words were listened to with deference. The voting showed that Germany had with her Austria and Morocco, while eight representatives of powers supported Sir Arthur Nicolson. Belgium and Sweden announced that they would abide by the decision of the majority. One of the delegation then proposed that the police question be referred to a special committee which should prepare a project and submit it to the conference, but this proposition received a negative vote. The result of the vote on Sir Arthur Nicolson's proposal has caused something of a sensation, as it means that the delicate Franco-German contest over the policing of Morocco has been forced to a decisive issue in which both sides will be compelled to show their hands. Moreover, the vote gave the first indication of the strength of the two sides. While this was not decisive as the question was not upon the merits of the police, yet it disclosed that Austria and Morocco were the only countries voting with Germany. The delegates have partially agreed on the text of the Moroccan bank project. The organization is to be entitled the State bank of Morocco, it will be chartered for forty years and have a capital of $3,000,000 in gold divided into parts equal to the number of the powers participating in the conference.

Significant Visit.

Paris, March 3.—King Edward arrived at the invalides depot this evening. He was met by a representative of President Falleres and by Premier Rouvier, and Sir F. J. Bertiot, the British ambassador. Crowds cheered the King as he was driven to the British Embassy, where he will remain for three days as the Duke of Lancaster. The arrival of King Edward attracts comment in connection with the Algeciras conference as being a timely reaffirmation of the Anglo-French agreement. President Falleres and King Edward will exchange visits to-morrow and there will be a gala dinner at the embassy at which the King, the President and the premier will be guests.

BESOMS OF DESTRUCTION

Waterspout Destroys Towns and Ships at Madagascar—Great Loss of Life Off Norway.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Trondhjem, Norway, March 3.—A fishing fleet, consisting of 300 boats and operating off Trondhjem, was caught in a terrific storm Friday and it is feared the greater portion of it was wrecked, as many boats are reported to have been seen floating, keel-upward. Thus far 79 of the boats have been reported safe, and possibly other have reached shelter at some of the thousands of island dotting the coast. Steamers are cruising in the hope of picking up survivors. The fisher boats are usually manned by three or four men, so that the loss of life must be great. The weather is bitterly cold and even if the ship wrecked fishermen reach uninhabited island, they must perish unless they are rescued immediately. The village of Jesservaere is the greatest sufferer, as some of the fleet had headquarters there.

Terrible Waterspout.

Antanana-Rivo, island of Madagascar, March 3.—Details of the destruction by the waterspout which recently destroyed the village of Mahanoro show that only two houses were left standing. Thirty bodies have been recovered. All the Europeans were injured and the material losses were very great. The Italian schooner Africa was thrown upon the beach and the French brig Luleenne was engulfed and disappeared.

CANAL INQUIRY WILL CEASE.

Committee Will Take Up Consideration of Construction Legislation.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—No more witnesses will be examined by the Senate committee on Interoceanic Canals until after the type of canal has been determined and other information obtained which is necessary to the preparation of a bill for the government of the zone and the construction of the isthmian waterway. This decision was reached to-day in an executive session of the committee. Senator Kittredge stated that he thought the substantial questions relating to canal affairs should be settled as soon as possible in order to prepare the committee to draft and consider canal legislation. He spoke of the type of canal, salary question, the method of purchasing supplies and a number of other matters. He said that Congress would not wait for the committee if it insisted upon prolonging the examination of witnesses and that if the committee hoped to get a bill passed it should begin at once to give consideration to such a measure. Nearly all of the Senators present expressed views similar to those of Mr. Kittredge. The action of the committee, however, contemplates the completion of the testimony of J. E. Markel, of Omaha, Neb., and he will be heard on Monday. After that any witnesses summoned will be with a view to gathering information for a canal bill. It is likely that this will include members of the canal commission and some members of the consulting board of engineers, particularly the American members.

INSANITY IN MATHEWS FAMILY.

Aged Father of Greensboro Murderer Testified in Trial Yesterday.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Greensboro, N. C., March 3.—In an effort to prove that insanity is hereditary in the Matthews family, the aged father of Dr. J. B. Matthews, who is being tried on the charge of poisoning his wife, was placed on the witness stand to-day. He declared that his mother was mentally deranged and that his sister was weak minded, while the prisoner's great uncle and great aunt had both lost their reason. The proceedings of this, the fourth day of the trial, for the most part, consisted of the testimony of members of the Matthews family and medical experts as to the mental derangement of the prisoner. One of the latter, Dr. J. A. Gorman, of Asheville, N. C., averred that while sharing a room with the accused man, a number of years ago, Matthews had made a desperate effort to end his life. Numerous witnesses testified to acts of the prisoner while practicing medicine in this city, which in their opinion proved him mentally unbalanced. The defense has many more witnesses yet to be heard, while the State will produce new evidence in rebuttal.

WHOLE ISLANDS SWEPT AWAY

Appalling and Destructive Cyclone Among Society Group in Pacific Ocean

TEN THOUSAND LIVES LOST

Wind Blew Hundred and Twenty Miles Hour—Monster Waves Sixty-Five Feet High—Property Loss $5,000,000 or More.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Papeite, Tahiti, Feb. 18, via San Francisco, March 3.—The most destructive cyclone ever experienced in the Society and Tuamotu islands occurred on February 7th and 8th. The damage in Tahiti is estimated at $1,000,000 and presumably a similar amount of property was destroyed on the Tuamotu islands. The city of Papeite was inundated and about 75 buildings destroyed, including the American consulate and the French government building. The shipping in the harbor of Papeite escaped injury owing to the directions of the wind, but fears are entertained for vessels which were cruising near the Tuamotu Islands. It is feared that there has been heavy loss of life in the lagoons of Tuamotu Islands, though the death of the guardian of the quarantine station in Papeite is the only fatality yet reported. The schooner Papeite was submerged for an hour near Anaa, Tuamotu. Her captain, Philip Michaelli, estimated that the waves were 65 feet high. It was impossible to see twenty feet away. At 3 o'clock in the day time the sailors had to be lashed to the vessel.

Mr. Marcadi, a French resident at Faharan, Tuamotu Islands, abandoned the place in a small cutter after all the government buildings and dwelling houses and the Catholic church were swept away. Many of the natives climbed cocoanut trees and others put out to sea in small boats. The schooner Ina which was anchored in the lagoon at Makemo, successfully rode out of the storm. Bridges and roads were badly damaged on the island of Tahiti. Bread fruit, cocoanut, banana and plantain trees were blown down in great numbers, which will result in hardships to the natives and materially affect commerce during the next two or three years.

The French Gunboat Zellee has gone to the Tuamotu Islands with supplies of food and fresh water. The British consul has appealed to his government for aid for five hundred British subjects. Some Americans have sustained heavy losses, and probably there will be a few instances of utter destitution. The Americans are hopeful of securing help from the United States. Money and food are required.

The cyclone or hurricane, reached the velocity of 120 miles an hour. It struck the islands about midnight on February 7th and continued until about 4 o'clock on the next afternoon. The Island of Anaa, Tuamotu group, is believed to have been the center of the storm. At Papeite about 7 oclock on the evning of February 7th, the sea began to break heavily over the reef, the waves in the harbor washing over the quay. There was no perceptible wind. Toward 10 o'clock people dwelling in the vicinity of the water front were compelled to abandon their homes, saving as a rule only a small portion of their belongings. The merchants and clerks went to the stores and warehouses only to discover that it was quite impossible to save goods on the lower floors. An hour later high seas broke, completely demolishing the government slip, and buildings, besides causing great damage to the coal sheds.

The guardian of the arsenal, Teffer Adams, an expert swimmer, was in the water for many hours and assisted in warning and rescuing others. The village of Tarona, near the arsenal, was completely swept away. It consisted of the mission buildings, and homes of native converts of the re-organized Latter Day Saints Mission, formerly under the direction of Captain Joseph Burton, of California.

The mission house and a great many houses were carried off to a distance of many hundreds of yards and demolished. Of the church edifice not a vestige remains. A settlement about an eighth of a mile distance, comprised of the dwellings of several hundred Cook Islanders (British subjects) was completely destroyed.

One American named Zegeldt, living near that community, had to take to an adjacent swamp, which became inundated and he was compelled to battle with the waves for many hours. Further east on the beach road all the houses were swept away for about half a mile. About 8 o'clock in the morning the American consulate, the oldest structure in Papeite, having been built about 1836, collapsed. In the absence of the American consul, his mother, Mrs. Doty, supervised the removal of the archives, aided by several missionaries. Mrs. Doty was in serious jeopardy several times. The records were temporarily stored at the Latter Day Saints mission house. Mr. Doty's family also accepted their hospitality. Beyond the American consulate several government buildings, including the treasury and storehouses, sustained great damage.

Ten Thousand Lives Lost.

San Francisco, March 3.—The Evening Post states that 10,000 persons perished during the storm on Tahiti and adjacent islands, several of which, its account says, have disappeared. It places the damage at $5,000,000. These reports have not been confirmed by the officers of the steamer Mariposa, which brought the news of the disaster from Papeite.

HALF NEVER BEEN TOLD ABOUT KEELEY CURE

Grateful Graduate Tells What Blessing It Was To Him—Never Craves Liquor.

The Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.:

It is with peculiar pride that I am now looking over some of your literature and thinking of the time I was at your Institute; and I just feel like saying that the half has never been told in singing the praises that your Institute so much deserves. It has been four years since I took the treatment, and I have not tasted a drop of whiskey or anything of the kind, and would not for the world; in fact I don't want it, and if I had the time I would like to come and stay at your Institute for thirty days now, and rest and enjoy myself with you all again. I want to say to you that I never will forget your kindness to me when I was there. Col. Osborne, the physician and the attendants—you all—certainly did treat me very nicely, and then, when I think of the condition I was in when I went to the Institute, and the condition I am in now, it makes me feel like praising God that he ever put it in the power and hearts of men to establish such an institute, where poor, fallen men might go and restore themselves to their families, their country, and their friends. I just feel like saying that none know the awful condition of men who have contracted the disease of drink but those who have tried it, and I would to God that I could advise and influence every man who has this awful habit or disease to go to the Keeley Institute and be cured. He certainly will not regret the time, and so far as the money is concerned he will make that back so soon that he will not miss it. I have been and expect to try to influence all my friends that are thus afflicted to take your treatment and be cured. I just feel like it has been to sum it up in a nut shell, all and all to me. HUGH WOMBLE.

Goldston, N. C., Nov. 21, 1904.

Send names and addresses of those who may be benefitted to the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.,

COLUMBUS COURT.

Only One Important Criminal Case—Wilmington Liquor Dealers.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., March 2.—The criminal docket of Columbus county Superior Court was ended to-day. The only case of importance on the criminal docket this week was that of State vs. E. L. King, for seduction. This case was heard yesterday and a verdict of guilty was returned. The sentence pronounced by the court was three years in the State's prison at hard labor. An appeal was taken by the defendant and his bond was fixed at $1,000, which was given.

Another thing that has caused considerable talk here this week is the report that indictments have been found against several Wilmington whiskey dealers for shipping whiskey to prohibition territory in Columbus county. Your corespondent has made several efforts to obtain the names of the parties against whom indictments have been brought, but to no effect. Solicitor Lyon positively refuses to give the names of the parties indicted until the capiases are served.

MR. GOODING RESIGNS.

Leaves Hilton Lumber Company to Engage in Real Estate.

Mr. Furney J. Gooding, who for 42 years has been superintendent of the Hilton Lumber Company, in this city, has resigned to enter the real estate business. The resignation took effect yesterday. His successor has not yet been named. Mr. Gooding is one of the largest holders of real estate and real estate securities in the city and it is understood that he will devote his time largely to buying and selling. Mr. Gooding has been phenomenally successful in this line for a number of years and now that he will be engaged exclusively in real estate, his achievements are expected to be even greater than before.

Supreme Court This Week.

A number of Wilmington lawyers will go to Raleigh to-morrow and Tuesday to appear before the Supreme Court in Fifth District appeals which are set for a hearing this week. Among the more important of these cases are Fishblate vs. Fidelity and Casualty Company, in which plaintiff was given a verdict for $1,760 and interest in the lower court; City of Wilmington vs. E. K. Bryan, involving back tax collections, and the Hilton Lumber Co. vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., in which the question is an alleged discrimination in freight rates on timber.

Rural Directory Out.

The Star is in receipt of a cloth-bound copy of a Rural Directory, comprised of residents on 30 routes in the vicinity of Wilmington and Lumberton. The Directory contains about 3,000 names, with information as to head of family, white or colored, etc. It appears to be a good mailing list and invaluable book for reference. The Directories Publishing Corporation, Norfolk, Va., with offices in the Bank of Commerce there, are the publishers and any special information or copies of the directory may be had from them, as long as they last.

Y. M. C. A. Sunday Meetings.

Two interesting meetings will be conducted at the Y. M. C. A. to-day. In the morning at 10 o'clock the boys will be addressed by Col. Walker Taylor and in the afternoon at 5 o'clock, then men's meeting will be addressed by Mr. Chas. F. McNeill. There will be special music at both services and the boys and men of the city are cordially invited.

Lumina Attractions.

Lumina is proving an attractive resort on the pleasant afternoons during the early Spring. If the weather is at all favorable to-day a large crowd will journey thither. Anticipating the rush, the Consolidated Company will operate special cars during rush hours and arrangements will be made for accommodating the crowds at the oyster establishments.

For the Athletic Meet.

A number of enteries have already been made for the athletic meet to be held on April 20th, at the City Hall under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the Boys' Brigade. Entry blanks may be secured this week at the Y. M. C. A. or at the Brigade Armory. The events will be open to the entire public.

Board Meetings To-Morrow.

The usual Monday meetings of county and municipal boards will be held to-morrow. The Board of County Commissioners will meet in the afternoon, the Board of Health at noon and the Aldermen at night. No business of great importance is expected to come up at any of the meetings unless the water works question is brought up at the meeting of the Aldermen at night.

Table board for families on reasonable terms at The Only Restaurant. mch 2-2t*

$2.50 CENTER PIECES FOR 98c.

J. H. Rehder & Co. THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE

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$2.50 Hand Embroidered Center Pieces at 98 Cents.

As a special attraction for March, we will sell 50 Hand Embroidered Handsome Center Pieces, each worth $2.50 for 98c. They are embroidered with Branierd & Armstrong's Embroidery Silk and guaranteed to wash, among the designs are American Beauties, Strawberries, Carnations, Violets, Golden Rod, and For-Get-Me-Nots. Don't forget that there are just 50 to be sold at 98c each. To be sure that you get yours, come to-day.

BUSTER BROWN BELTS—For the Children, 10 and 25 Cents.

Women's Newest Style Belt, Gilt, Patent Leather, and Chains, now on display some worth 50c for 25c.

Belts at Special Prices.

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Mail Order Given Prompt Attention.

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HONEYMOON WAS DELIGHTFUL.

Representative Longworth Talks About Trip to Cuba.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Savannah, Ga., March 3.—"The most delightful trip I ever had," said Mr. Nicholas Longworth, this afternoon as he stood in the door of the private car Grassmere, as his train stopped here for a few minutes en-route to Washington. "Our trip to Cuba was one of endless delight," he said, as his wife sitting near, smiled her approval. It was suggested that a trip to Savannah and Roswell, Ga., would be in order, as both places were deeply interested in the bride as her maternal ancestors had resided in both, and felt that they had claims upon her and himself since he had become a member of the family, and also that his grandfather had once resided here when a young man. "We would like to visit them," said Mr. Longworth, "and I expect we will at some later date. My wife is especially anxious to visit both places. We have had the greatest time in our lives; still, duty is calling and we are both glad to get back to take up once more the serious duties of life."

WORKS WONDERS.

A Wonderful Compound Cures Piles, Eczema, Skin Itching, Skin Eruptions, Cuts and Bruises.

Doan's Ointment is the best skin treatment, and the cheapest, because so little is required to cure. It cures piles after years of torture. It cures obstinate cases of eczema. It cures all skin itching. It cures skin eruptions. It heals cuts, bruises, scratches and abrasions without leaving a scar. It cures permanently. Wilmington testimony proves it.

J. S. King, clerk on Market street, residing at 815 Orange street, says: "I used Doan's Ointment and found it to be a great remedy for itching hemorrhoids. It acted like a charm in my case. I tried all kinds of remedies, but until I used Doan's Ointment I could get nothing to give me positive relief. It is a splendid preparation and you are welcome to use my name as one who says so. I obtained it at R. R. Bellamy's drug store."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Rice! Rice!

Seventy Thousand Pounds

ALL GRADES AT A BARGAIN. Prices and Samples furnished on request.

STONE & CO.,

P. S.—Would like to buy gentle pony for family use. Call to see us. mch. 4-tf.

Bids Wanted!

By order of the Board of Aldermen the Streets and Wharves Committee hereby announce that bids will be received for the rent of the city wharf opposite the Front street market, opposite the Front Street Market.

Bids will also be received for the use of the docks on the river front, except those at the foot of Princess, Market and Dock streets. Lessees to keep property in good repair.

Bids will be received until March 15th, 1906. Address the undersigned.

M. O'BRIEN Chairman.

This 3rd March, 1906.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC!

MONDAY NIGHT, MARCH 5TH

A JOLLY AMERICAN TRAMP

By E. E. KIDDER, Author "A Poor Relation," "Peacefully Valley," etc.

A Splendid Triumph of American Dramatic Genius

Prices: 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Seats on Sale Saturday.

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Simon Pure!

You will find at the Cape Fear Trading Co., among hundreds of other good things to eat, Simon Pure Lard. Try a few pounds and note the difference in your bread.

J. B. TAYLOR, Mgr.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF

The Southern National Bank

WILMINGTON, N. C.

At Clos of Business January 26, 1906

RESOURCES

LOANS	$318,094 98
OVERDRAFTS	730 89
UNITED STATES BONDS AND PREMIUM	207,500 00
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	4,563 82
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	366,031 56
TOTAL	$897,801 25

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL	$200,000 00
SURPLUS	73,840 00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS, NET,	3,364 14
CIRCULATION	200,000 00
DEPOSITS	420,597 11
TOTAL	$897,801 25

*Began business September 18, 1905, with capital fully paid and a subscription of $100,000 00 to surplus, payable in monthly instalments. Gain in resources since Nov. 9th, $201,467.01.

CHAS. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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Comfort and Economy are the chief characteristics of our product.

Don't take our word for it. Ask your neighbor. He will tell you. The price is right, and within reach of all. A trial will convince the most skeptical. Join the procession and burn our coal.

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'Phone 94. ja 19-tf.

STATEHENT OF

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company.

(Condensed from Report to Corporation Commission Jan. 29, 1906).

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$1,531,670 14	Capital	$ 25,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	2 00	Profits, less taxes and expenses paid	113,536 31
Real estate	15,660 00	Deposits	1,559,210 72
Cash on hand and due from banks	150,414 89		
Total	$1,697,747 03	Total	$1,697,747 03

J. W. Norwood, President.
H. WALTERS, Vice-President.
C. E. TAYLOR, JR., Cashier.

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TO THE GENEROUS PUBLIC—For this manifestation of their confidence in us we make our bow of sincere thanks, and, ON THIS GLAD HOLIDAY OCCASION WE BRING EVERYBODY A WISH FOR UNSPEAKABLE PLEASURE, JOYOUS, HAPPINESS AND PEACEFUL PLENTITUDE. Respectfully,

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4,800 BAGS 8-2-2	$17.75
1,920 BAGS 8-3-3	22.00
450 BAGS 7-3-5 TRUCKER	
1,000 BAGS 17 PER CENT ACID	13.00
BAGS POTASH AND BONE	
4,100 BAGS 13 PER CENT ACID	10.50
2,250 BAGS 16PER CENT.	
KAINIT,	15.00
1,040 BAGS 13 1-2 PER CENT.	
KAINIT	11.50
960 BAGS 12 PER CENT	
KAINIT	11.00
480 BAGS NIRATE	62.50
260 BAGS BONE MEAL	30.00
416 BAGS MURIATE	48.00
210 BAGS SULPHATE	50.00

BETTER CONSULT HEADQUARTERS.

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Wilmington, N. C.

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